

maternal grandfather bestowed the nickname "Butch" upon him at a young age and it stuck with him his entire life. Butch was the first born son of Gregory O. and Vivian M. Dias. He attended Kit Carson Elementary School and Hanford Union High School before attending California State University, Fresno. He was involved with his family's farm operation most of his life, eventually helping his parents form their family business, Gregory O. Dias and Sons Dairy and Farming Incorporated. Butch helped his parents grow the business into many dairies and farms throughout Kings and Tulare Counties.

In 1974, Butch married Alice Vander Tuig in Hanford, California. While growing their business, the couple had three children, Rachelle, Darren, and Gregory. Eventually, Butch and his wife acquired Delta View Dairy Farming, which they renamed Rachelle's Jerseys in honor of their daughter, Rachelle, who lost her life in a tragic car accident.

A third-generation dairy farmer, Mr. Dias was a great farmer and a true leader within the industry. He was passionate about farming, the land, and the animal and enjoyed working with his two sons Greg and Darren every day. In addition to agriculture, Butch enjoyed traveling the world.

He traveled the world learning about other cultures and making friends, all while promoting California agriculture abroad. Butch enjoyed talking, visiting, entertaining, and cooking. He was a "barbecue specialist" who often volunteered to cook for family events and community activities. His barbecue was renowned throughout the Central Valley. He believed one should give back to his community, and led by example, contributing extensively to the surrounding community.

Mr. Dias was involved in numerous organizations throughout his life: 4-H Mid Valley Chapter, Hanford FFA, State Champion Milk Judging Team, Kings County Herd Improvement Association, California Milk Advisory Board, Dairyman's Cooperative Creamery association, California Dairy Research Council, U.S. Jersey Association, Luso-American, Delta View School District, Widgeon Land and Cattle, Exeter Duck Club and Farm Credit West. Butch also bravely served his country in the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Navy.

Butch is survived by his wife Alice, their sons; Darren and his wife Tabitha, and Gregory and his wife Melanie. Butch loved his children and was blessed to become a grandfather to their children, Nixon, Wren, Hudson, Bristol, and Reed.

Mr. Speaker, today we ask our colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join us in honoring the life of Mr. Gregory O. "Butch" Dias, Jr. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 2, Aye; Roll Call No. 3, Aye; and Roll Call No. 4, Aye.

THERE IS LIGHT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a great American Hero, The Eagle of The Senate and his coming battle. Our hopes and prayers are with JOHN MCCAIN. I ask that this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell be included in the RECORD.

There is darkness
And there is light
Coming out of the darkness burning ever so bright
With the kind of faith of our Fathers, which
built this Nation ignites
Of hope, faith, honor, service, and courage
ever so bright
Now, there is a battle,
And there is a fight
Looming out in the darkness on the floor of
the Senate on this very night
With all of our Nation's prayers in sight
As once again,
America's Son, her Hero, her friend,
John McCain is in the battle for his life.
As this great leader's heart once again must
somehow ignite
But, where there is darkness,
there is the light.
And you'll find men like John McCain,
this Top Gun whose soul burns ever so very
bright
Coming out of the darkness burning so
bright
Who out of this darkness will bring his light,
The kind which built this great Nation to its
very height
As has John been armed with throughout the
generations,
with "The Faith of His Fathers" so all in
plain sight
Who have fought and served this Nation with
all of their might
Like Father Like Son, as has John always
this one
Courageously served this Nation,
starting with his ancestor serving under
George Washington
As his Grandfather and Father,
the first Admiral team serving this Nation
as one
All too has John all in his life's work in what
he has done
Showing us all,
the definition of courage as one of America's
Greatest of Sons
Not as The Lion of The Senate but as an
Eagle this one
Who throughout the years has soared on the
floor of the Senate,
battling for each and every one
Crossing the aisle,
this man of such style when it had to be done
Leading everyone
Now there's a battle
And there's a fight
Upon, the Senate floor on this very night
With America's Hero heart burning bright
Coming out of this darkness shining his light
To teach us all what is magnificent and what
is right
Now, it's fourth and long
As America's Son's heart beats strong.
My money is on John,
Whose life sings like a song,
Who has always come out of the darkness,
With the heart of a champion and an eagle to
which it belongs.
No matter the battle,
No matter the fight,
Even as a POW, this Hero came out of that
darkness shining bright.

John, your roommate in the Hanoi Hilton
Bud Day,
up in Heaven,
is watching over you on this very night.
Because, John has always come armed with
his light.
No matter the battle,
No matter the fight,
Either way John, the world still wins.
Continuing as the leader of the Senate, as
America's friend
Or as an Angel in The Army of our Lord
whose time so begins
To watch over us again and again
To fight that battle against the darkness
which we must win
John, win that war.
Win that fight!
For you have blessed this great Nation with
all of your light
But, my money's on you John,
because in the end the darkness does not
match the light,
The kind brilliance which emanates from
your great soul on this very night.
God bless you our Son in your upcoming
fight
As you bless our hearts once again,
we look upon your light.
There is light.
Amen.

COMPACT IMPACT RELIEF ACT

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I reintroduce the Compact Impact Relief Act to address the costs of providing local public services to migrants under the Compacts of Free Association.

I am very pleased to have the support of our colleagues from Hawai'i and the Northern Mariana Islands, as original cosponsors.

Under the Compacts, an unlimited number of citizens from three Freely Associated States (FAS)—the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau—may live and work in the United States.

Compact migrants effectively enjoy the same freedoms of movement and to work as lawful permanent residents, like green card holders, in our country do.

As such, our bill seeks to allow Compact migrants to participate in select federal programs, if they meet the program criteria, the same way that green card holders can under current law.

Importantly, our bill ensures that federal resources are not diverted from U.S. citizens and nationals in order to accommodate Compact migrants.

Economic conditions and the reality of climate change for Pacific island nations have driven more and more Compact migrants to the United States.

Guam remains the primary destination for Compact migrants, followed closely by Hawai'i.

According to the most recent Census Bureau figures, more than 76,000 FAS citizens reside in the United States, including nearly 18,000 on Guam.

I appreciate that the Compacts remain important to American strategic interests in the Asia-Pacific region, including Guam's security.

I also know—firsthand—the significant contributions that Compact migrants make to