

CPL Victor Toledo Pulido is survived by his mother, Maria Gaspar of Kettleman City, his wife, Cristi Toledo, and brothers, Yosio and Gaston Toledo Pulido. Also surviving is his son, Isak and numerous friends.

It is my belief that Victor's life symbolizes the ultimate sacrifice one can make for his country. His valor, strength, courage and pride in our Nation will forever live in the thoughts and hearts of his family and Americans across the Nation. CPL Victor H. Toledo Pulido's dedication to the principles of freedom and democracy will serve as an example to all of us and for generations to come.

HONORING EDWARD A. NIZIOLEK

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Edward Niziolek for a remarkable 41 years of faithful service to the students of Fairfax, VA.

Mr. Niziolek began his career as an educator in 1964 after graduating from the California State Teachers College with a major in mathematics. Mr. Niziolek joined Fairfax County Public Schools as a mathematics teacher at Glasgow Middle School in Alexandria, VA. After serving for five years at Glasgow, Mr. Niziolek joined the faculty at Lanier Middle School where he quickly made his mark on both the character and academic development of its students. He sponsored the Lanier Math Team, which frequently finished as one of the top performing teams in the area, including a 2nd Place finish in Mr. Niziolek's final school year. Mr. Niziolek has demonstrated his dedication to education year round, teaching an astonishing 36 summer school sessions.

Mr. Niziolek dutifully served for over four decades and demonstrated a passion for service in a school system with students from a wide array of backgrounds. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated an interest in his students, a desire to help them succeed, and the ability to achieve outstanding results. All students, faculty and parents who have been in one of his classrooms have expressed an appreciation for his dedicated service to our Nation's youth.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Mr. Edward Niziolek for his tireless service and contributions as a mathematics teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools. His legacy of success is found in each student who has traveled into his classrooms, taken his tests, and who have moved on to become productive members of the community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding Edward A. Niziolek for his service and wishing him the best in a well deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO HAL BROWN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I join you here today to

honor our colleague, Hal Brown, on his 25 years of service to Marin County. Since 1983 when he was first appointed to the Board of Supervisors to represent the Second District, Hal has demonstrated a caring, thoughtful, and committed approach to addressing the issues facing the residents of Marin.

Hal's priorities have been clear from the start. He focuses on families, education, environment, responsible government and economic vitality. His own vitality and dedication have led him to serve on more than 25 boards and organizations, from the Marin Conservation League to the Rape Crisis Center, from the county Flood Control and Water District to the Disabled Students Advisory Board.

This work has resulted in a long list of notable accomplishments—for example, preserving more than 1,500 acres of open space, promoting free bus rides for students, and authoring Marin's Family Medical Leave law.

After the New Year's Eve flood of 2005, Hal moved to make his district safer by establishing the first regional flood warning system in the Ross Valley. For long-range safety, he has spearheaded efforts for towns and organizations to work with the county, State and Federal governments to implement a comprehensive flood control plan.

"It doesn't make sense to look at just flood control or environmental restoration or water quality issues in isolation," Hal has said. "We need to address the problem with an approach that makes common, ecological and economic sense. A watershed-wide approach could meet the test of all three."

A San Anselmo resident for 35 years, Hal coached various youth sports while raising his two sons, Mike and Chris.

Madam Speaker, I have appreciated working with Supervisor Brown on the many issues faced by the Marin community, and I look forward to continuing our partnership.

Congratulations, Hal, on your 25 years of dedicated service.

DEATH OF THOMAS A.
STALLWORTH

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, for years, Thomas A. Stallworth was a pillar of Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, serving as chaplain, professor of religion, soccer coach, dean of students, dean of alumni affairs, and after retirement, as interim director of church relations. He died suddenly on May 14, 2007. I offer for the record the following tribute from John V. Griffith, president of Presbyterian College:

TOM STALLWORTH: OUR MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

God's saints come in interesting sizes and shapes. They are agents of God's grace in the most unexpected of ways. So it is with Tom Stallworth.

In the fall of 1951, Tom Stallworth was a freshman at PC from the south side of Atlanta. As an undergraduate he joined and loved the PC choir under the direction of Eduard Patte, was involved in student government, led the Student Christian Association, enjoyed athletics, belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, was the leader of The Scot-

tish Highlander Battalion of ROTC, and was enjoyed by his classmates for his sense of humor, love of life, and humble faith.

After graduating from Columbia Theological Seminary and a short stint at the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, Georgia, Dr. Marshall Brown asked Tom to come to the College to teach for two years. Pete Hay was on leave. Tom retired 36 years later, although the way I look at it, Tom worked at or for PC for a total of 56 years. He has been PC's man for all seasons.

In the 1973 yearbook, one of three dedicated to Tom, he wrote prophetic words, which I have come to see as autobiographical . . . "There is an ingredient in and of this community which few miss. It's not obvious. Many take some time to see it. You may not even want to look for awhile. They do not leave the way they came. Look them up three, five, ten years from now. Won't we all be surprised? They will have a plus; it will show!"

Tom's plus showed. In him we saw much of what the College seeks to nurture in the hearts and minds of those who pass our way: a man for God, a man for God's people, and a man for PC.

Jack Edmunds, his senior year roommate remarked on Tom's call to ministry: "It was evident during his college days that Tom would go into ministry, but he was never one to wear his religion on his sleeve. He was not a pious type and that impressed people. He personified what a good minister should be."

Tom served God and served PC by serving God's people in everyday ways . . . everyday; through athletics, through music, through just doing his job . . . all of his jobs . . . whatever hat he was called to wear he served with all his heart and mind. Hello brother . . . T.A. Stallworth . . . hearty, honest, positive . . . direct! T.A. Stallworth . . . pleased to meet you. There wasn't a pretentious bone in his body. What you saw, what you heard, what you learned over time all lined up. T.A. Stallworth. Clear in what he believed . . . courageous in taking a stance on principle . . . available to serve. Thomas Aurelius Stallworth. I believe he liked Aurelius . . . in fact it is the only time I saw a twinge of hubris in the eyes of this saint. Thomas Aurelius Stallworth, God's humble and persistent servant. PC's man for all seasons.

There are so many wonderful stories about this man and his ministry. They have come flooding in from folks near and far, always laced with humor.

Athletics! Tom loved sports and found in them a way to connect with God's people.

He was on the way to lunch on campus and Cally Gault was on the way back. Cally leaned out of his car window and asked, "How would you like to be our soccer coach?" Tom said "I believe they have 11 men on a team, depending on how you count the goalie." Cally said, "You're our man!"

He was always an athlete . . . in college and as an adult. The last real team he played on was the faculty Intramural volleyball team named the "Good Old Boys." They were very serious about their volleyball and Tom is remembered by teammates Ramsey, Stidham, Weaver, Womble, Gaines, Rischbieter, Hill, Burnside and others as a great "set man" on the court and in life. When asked his most interesting experience he said "playing on a championship volleyball team with an average age of 43 that continually beats teams with an average age of 19 is interesting enough!"

Music! Music is another way Tom praised God and celebrated life. The PC Choir served as his primary social group as an undergraduate. He became a star of stage in 1981 when Dr. Charles Gaines and Dr. Dale Raines recruited him to play the part of Bellamy in

the Fantasticks. He and Randy Randall have sung "Never say No" for many audiences since then. It occurred to me that "Never Say No" became the mantra of Tom's life. Never say no to what God calls you to do. To my knowledge, he never said no to PC.

Tom and Chuck Gaines lead the singing at men's prayer breakfast belting out the old favorites in a manner that upstages Gilbert and Sullivan.

Tom sang in an infamous singing group called "The Faculty Four and the Big One" with George Ramsey, Ron Burnside, Ted Hunter, and Ken Orr (the big one). One of their most forgettable songs was Grandma got Run over by a Reindeer, with Dean Thompson playing the banjo. One person said that the group was really good . . . and no one has ever said otherwise . . .

Just doing his Job! It is here at PC as a minister of Word and Sacrament that Tom served God's people most fully. The entire PC network was his congregation.

Tom and Major General Jimmy Allen started the ROTC Alumni Association. But Tom always liked to remind Jimmy that even though Jimmy was a two star general, Tom was his Battalion Commander at PC. And together they set out to save ROTC when it was in danger of being closed by the Army.

Anyone who ever traveled with Tom knows that he did not like to travel on the Interstates or any four lane highway. He knew the back roads and always took them even if it took longer . . . although he always thought his way was quicker. One morning he intervened in my travel up Interstate 26 from Edisto. Due to a traffic jam, I had to take the Dixiana exit and enjoy the scenery along route 176. It was shorter!

"The two years I spent as Dean of Students were the ten longest years of my life," Tom told me once. "I didn't get closer to students; I got closer to meetings and paperwork. I had to go back into the classroom to get back with the students."

"I never considered myself an ivory tower scholar," he reflected on his 31 years as a professor. "My method was to mix it up with students. I could give them their money's worth in the classroom, but I think my main ability was communicating the information to them in a manner that sunk in, and I enjoyed the give-and-take inside the classroom as well as out."

Tom has conducted the marriage ceremonies of more PC people than anyone in the history of the College. He knew more PC people and their relatives than anyone I know . . . in every city and every little town across the South.

And through all of this, Mary was his partner. "One of my most memorable times at PC," wrote a 1990s graduate, "was the Easter weekend I spent writing a term paper at their kitchen table. That was one of the best weekends of my life because of the comfort I felt from Mary and Tom."

Every Homecoming cars are parked outside their house . . . people stopping by to visit and reconnect. "I think the PC Spirit is an infection I have," said Tom, "whether it is contagious or not I don't know. I'm 150 percent for PC and have tried to answer the call of whatever the College has wanted me to do."

The Class of 1963 dedicated their yearbook to Tom. Bob Piephoff, the editor, summed up the class's feelings about this good man: "We come to Presbyterian College and we leave . . . We leave taking a part of Tommy Stallworth with us."

Anne told me this morning that Tom took Andy and her aside several years ago to talk about this day and his wishes. Tom will be cremated and has asked on some weekday evening at 10:00 p.m. that they, his children,

sprinkle his ashes along the walk he took every evening of his college career from the old library, now the administration building, diagonally across the West Plaza to Smythe where he lived.

And so it shall be . . . Mary, Anne, Andy, Becky Mary Frances, Cooper, Max and Katie Brice . . . that Thomas Aurelius Stallworth leaves a part of himself with all those he touched.

Man of God's people, Man for God's people, Man for PC. T.A. Stallworth: PC's Man for All Seasons. Thank God for the life and works of this saint, who walked, played, laughed, sang, preached, and stood next to us each day. Amen!

HONORING SPEAKER NANCY
PELOSI ON SERVING 20 YEARS IN
THE HOUSE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on June 9, 1987, NANCY PELOSI was sworn in to represent the people of California's 8th District. This week we recognize and commend her for 20 years of distinguished service in the House of Representatives, where she has served both her constituents and this Nation proudly.

During her 20 years in the House, NANCY has been a true leader on important issues, including promoting human rights, protecting the environment, and expanding health care. She has remained focused on the needs of her district, including preserving the Presidio of San Francisco as the Nation's largest urban national park, fighting for increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, and improving the lives of children.

In the 110th Congress, NANCY has ushered in a new era as the first woman Speaker of the House, setting an agenda that promotes the priorities of the American people and addresses the key challenges present in today's world. Her drive and determination make her a strong leader and legislator, and she has worked tirelessly to represent her constituents and to move our Nation in a new, positive direction.

NANCY has been a devoted public servant, both in California and in the House. She is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. It is an honor to serve with her in the House, and I am proud to call her my friend.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HeLP
AMERICA ACT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, adaptable lifestyle factors such as smoking, sedentary lifestyle, poor nutrition, unmanaged stress, and obesity account for approximately half of premature deaths in the United States. Spending on chronic diseases related to lifestyle and other preventable diseases accounts for an estimated 75 percent of total healthcare spending and it is estimated that by 2014 our country's total health care expenditures will be \$3.6 trillion.

Clearly we cannot continue down this path. We must shift the focus of our nation's health care system to prevention and wellness programs. In so doing, we can reduce health care costs, improve health, improve quality of life, and boost productivity. Unfortunately, a very small percentage of health care spending is devoted to health promotion. The national investment in prevention is currently estimated to be less than 5 percent of annual health care costs. Our nation needs a new approach to healthcare—one that puts prevention front and center.

That is why I rise today to introduce the Healthier Lifestyles and Prevention America Act, also known as the HeLP America Act. This important bill, which is companion legislation to a bill recently introduced by Senator HARKIN, is designed to reduce health care costs and improve health outcomes by reorienting our nation's health care system towards prevention, wellness, and self care.

The HeLP America Act is a comprehensive approach to prevention and health promotion. It provides tools and incentives for schools to improve their nutrition programs. It provides tax incentives for employers to implement wellness programs. It provides grants for communities to implement activities to prevent and reduce the incidence of obesity, and chronic diseases associated with this condition. It establishes a federal taskforce on childhood obesity to provide a coordinated leadership in Federal effort to prevent and reduce childhood obesity.

These are just a few of the many provisions included in the HeLP America Act, all aimed squarely at attacking the problem of skyrocketing health care costs associated with the increasing rates of obesity, diabetes, and other chronic illnesses.

With a greater focus on prevention, we will be able to greatly reduce the number of individuals who suffer from all types of ailments. It will improve health outcomes, improve people's lives, and help cut down on our exploding healthcare expenditures.

Madam Speaker, as is noted in the findings of this bill, per capita health spending in the United States is 56 percent greater than the median for countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. This is unacceptable. We need to get more bang for our healthcare buck and we need to look no further than focusing on prevention. As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

I urge my colleagues to join me in seeking a new and more effective approach to curing our nation's ills by cosponsoring the HeLP Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on May 24, 2007, I inadvertently missed the vote on passage of H.R. 2317, the Lobbying Transparency Act, rollcall vote 420. It was my strong intention to vote "Aye" on passage.