

Ceres Police Department. He was sworn into the Sheriff's Office in January of 1996, where he has served ever since. As Deputy Sheriff he filled an impressive variety of roles as Patrol, K9 Handler and Supervisor, Bailiff, Field Training Officer and Detective. As Sergeant he was assigned to Patrol and supervised the High Tech Crimes Unit. As Lieutenant he worked in Homeland Security, Internal Affairs, and was the Northwest Area Commander.

Sheriff Christianson has been a mainstay of the community throughout his time in office. Public Safety facilities have been expanded with more jail beds, a medical and mental health care unit, and a day reporting center, while the significant Public Safety Restoration Plan was completed with the support and funding of the Board of Supervisors. Sheriff Christianson capped off his tenure in office with the completion of the Coroner's Facility and the Re-Entry and Enhanced Alternatives to Custody Training (REACT) Center.

Sheriff Christianson began a stellar academic career by earning a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management. He later graduated from the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Course, the POST Executive Development Course and West Point Leadership in Police Organizations. He also received an Executive Certificate from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Sheriff Christianson is married to the love of his life, Yvonne. Together they have two children, Nicole and Kyle. He is looking forward to spending more time with his family after retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to public safety and Stanislaus County by Sheriff Adam Christianson and hereby wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

REP. TED POE FAREWELL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to recognize the first Republican to represent the second district of Texas, TED POE.

Before coming to Washington, TED was a felony court judge in Harris County where he was one of the youngest judges in the state. Known for his practical sentencing, his reputation for telling it like it is accompanied him to Congress.

TED has always put his country first. From his time as a prosecutor to a Congressman protecting our borders and combating human trafficking, he has always prioritized American's safety.

I thank TED for his 14 years of public service. His patriotism will be missed and as he often says, "that's just the way it is."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BILL NEWSOM

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I include the following obituary from the San Francisco Chronicle honoring Bill Newsom:

Justice William A. ("Bill") Newsom, paterfamilias of a pioneering San Francisco family and a revered figure to his children, grandchildren and expansive clan, ardent defender of the environment, longtime San Francisco civic leader and retired Justice of the California Court of Appeal, died on December 12 from complications of old age.

Bill was a brilliant man of letters and linguistic genius who could bend the English language to his will like few others. Avuncular and sweet-natured, possessed of a wry and irreverent wit, fluent in French and Italian, a master of allusion and superb with impressions and accents, he was unexcelled as a raconteur and bard. He was devoted to an astounding variety of literary and intellectual pursuits, peripatetic in his extensive travels, and indefatigable in his commitments to civic and charitable endeavors, particularly to conservation and environmental causes. A noted bibliophile and oenophile, he frequently combined those loves with a third, his great love of music, particularly opera. Bill liked his poets Irish, but his food Italian. He possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of natural history and natural science and loved adventuring in the out of doors with family and friends locally in California, on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, in Alaska, Africa and beyond. He was an irrepressible patron of lost causes who almost invariably took up on behalf of the underdog and the "little guy." His empathy and compassion were perpetually on display; it would be foolhardy to try to catalogue his countless initiatives on behalf of the unfortunate, the downtrodden and the wronged, much less his constant individual acts of kindness. It is perhaps best simply to observe that never did someone come to him for help and leave without it.

A wonderful father to his own children and "Papapapap" to his six grandchildren, Bill was also a superb builder and cultivator of family. Be it in Squaw Valley (a central gathering-place for the extended Newsom clan since the 1960 Winter Olympics), at the Monte Vista Inn or his treasured mountain retreat in Dutch Flat, or on any of innumerable family trips, he was never happier than when surrounded by family in conviviality, holding court with a fire roaring, recounting adventures and tales, offering unforgettable impersonations, describing the San Francisco of his (and his father's) youth, quoting Chesterton and Belloc, Yeats and Heaney. Bill adored children and they in turn were drawn to him as to the Pied Piper. He related to them in the most authentic and endearing way, not speaking at them but with them, neither at his level nor theirs, but in some kind of magical blarney in between that riveted them, made them laugh, and yet taught them something at every turn. They left his company—usually holding an armful of books, and some money—knowing he was their ally, including especially in whatever mischief they might be planning with his consent, or perhaps even his connivance. (Bill loved to tweak the establishment, even if that meant the parents of his co-conspirators!).

A fourth-generation San Franciscan, Bill was born into a large Irish Catholic brood in

Depression-era San Francisco on February 15, 1934 and raised on Jefferson St. at Baker, in the shadow of the Palace of Fine Arts. He was the second and last surviving of six children (Carole A. Onorato, Belinda B. ("Barbara") Newsom, Brennan J. Newsom, Sharon C. Mohun, Patrick J. Newsom) born to William A. Newsom, Jr. and Christine Newsom. Bill's parents were Mission District Irish. His father, William A. Newsom, Jr., (b. 1902) was a developer and civic leader who survived the 1906 earthquake and was closely associated with the late Gov. Edmund G. ("Pat") Brown. Bill's paternal grandfather, also William A. Newsom, born in San Francisco in 1865, was a contractor and early city father who later became an associate of A.P. Giannini and opened the first branch office of the Bank of America at 29th and Mission Streets in San Francisco. His maternal grandfather (b. 1872) was a longshoreman on the San Francisco waterfront who had made his way from Ireland to San Francisco in the 1880s.

Bill was privileged to have a superb education, first under the tutelage of the good Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange and the French Marists (most of sturdy Breton stock) at Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, then under the Jesuits at St. Ignatius High School, from which he was graduated in 1951. It was at SI that Bill first encountered many of his boon companions, including Lloyd Fabbri, Lou Felder, Gordon Getty, Paul Getty, Jim Halligan, Chris Malarkey, John Mallen and many more. Bill received his undergraduate degree in French Literature from the University of San Francisco in 1955; a Masters in English Literature from Stanford in 1961; and his law degree from Stanford in 1960.

Bill married the former Tessa Menzies in 1966. They were blessed with the birth of a son, Gavin, in 1967 and a daughter, Hilary, in 1968. While Bill and Tessa were divorced in 1973, they maintained a close, familial relationship for the rest of their lives.

In his professional life, Bill was a Commissioner of the San Francisco Superior Court following law school before entering private practice as an attorney, first with the Lillick firm in San Francisco (1963-1965), then as an associate of the celebrated San Francisco trial attorney, James Martin Macinnis (1965-1966), and finally opening his own private law practice in Tahoe City, CA (1967-1975). He also served as an attorney for Getty Oil Italiana (based in Rome) in the late 1960s. Bill was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown first to the Placer County Superior Court in 1975, and subsequently to the California Court of Appeals (First Appellate District) in March 1978. He retired from the Court of Appeal in 1995.

Throughout his adult life, Bill served as a legal and business advisor to his great childhood friends, Gordon P. Getty and J. Paul ("Paul") Getty, Jr., and later to many other members of the Getty family. Among other formal roles, he served as Trustee of the Ronald Family Getty Trust from 1988 to 2011; as Trust Administrator for the Gordon Getty Family Trust from 1994 to 2009; and as a Director and President of the Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation from 2011 until his passing. However, his most valuable service was in his informal capacity as a trusted confidant and, first and foremost, a friend. Bill played an important role in the negotiations for the release of Paul Getty's son, J. Paul Getty III, following his kidnapping in 1973.

At one time he considered a career in politics, but Bill lost his first race for the State Senate in 1968. (When asked why he lost, his answer was usually: "Because I ran against the unbeatable Milton Marks.") Despite a later movement to draft him as a mayoral candidate in the early 1980s, Bill had come to see himself in roles outside politics.

Bill's civic and charitable commitments were substantial. He served on the Board of Regents of the University of Santa Clara; the Board of Directors of the International Bioethics Institute, and on the boards of numerous environmental organizations including Earthjustice (San Francisco), Environmental Defense Fund (New York and San Francisco), Friends of the River (Sacramento), Sierra Watch (Nevada City) and the Mountain Lion Foundation (Sacramento). A visionary conservationist from an early age, he was an avid supporter of dozens of individuals and organizations working to protect our public resources—clean air, clean water, biodiversity, wildlife and wild places, especially our forests, rivers, and oceans.

Bill was endowed with great decency and humanity; indeed, these were his defining traits. He took the Golden Rule literally, regarding indignities to others as indignities to himself. A close friend from Bill's youth used to say of him that "the milk of human kindness flows by the quart in every vein."

Sometimes we lose someone whose passing makes it seem like an entire era is washed away. Bill was a proto-San Franciscan who often spoke of a city we sometimes now see only through a gauzy lens, where civic virtue, pride and neighborliness predominated; boasting a vibrant waterfront and teeming with middle class families; led by citizens who, Republican or Democrat, shared many core values; and having colorful characters at every turn. He was certain that he lived in the most magical place possible and, as was said of one of Bill's literary heroes, Belloc, "No man of his time fought so hard for the good things."

He is survived by his beloved children of whom he was so proud, governor-elect Gavin Christopher Newsom and his wife Jennifer Siebel Newsom, and Hilary Callan Newsom and her husband, Geoff Callan; his grandchildren, Talitha and Siena Callan and Montana, Hunter, Brooklyn and Dutch Newsom; his sisters-in-law, Cindy Asner, Cathy Newsom Goodman, Franza Newsom and Anne Scherer; his brother-in-law, Ronald V. Pelosi; a passel of nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews in the Mohun, Fink, Newsom, Onorato, Pelosi and Scherer families; many beloved cousins and relations; and his legion of dear friends, including Gordon and Ann Getty and other, lifelong companions such as Jim Halligan and John Mallen; his longtime personal assistant, Lisa Belforte; and so many others. In addition to his siblings, Bill was predeceased by his former wife, Tessa Newsom.

Private services and burial to be held near Bill's longtime home in the community of Dutch Flat, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Justice William Newsom Fund at the San Francisco Foundation (www.justicewilliamnewsomfund.org), which will be used to carry on Bill's legacy of environmental stewardship for generations to come, or to your favorite charity.

"When You to Acheron's Ugly Water Come

Then go before them like a royal ghost

And tread like Egypt or like Carthage crowned;

Because in your Mortality the most

Of all we may inherit has been found—

Children for memory: the Faith for pride.

Good land to leave: and young Love satisfied"

Requiescat in pace.

TRIBUTE TO GABRIEL CRISTIAN VIVEROS, III

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Gabriel Cristian Viveros, III for his service to my office and the people of California's Twenty First Congressional District.

Mr. Viveros was born on July 12, 1993 in Fresno, California to Enedina Patlan Viveros and Gabriel Viveros, II. Growing up in the Central Valley with his two older sisters, Andriana and Marissa, Mr. Viveros always had a sense of curiosity, a unique eye for art, and immense empathy for others—enabling him to connect deeply with people from all walks of life. Early on, Mr. Viveros learned to juggle multiple tasks at once while maintaining keen attention to detail managing his school work and participating in speech, debate, and water polo teams at Clovis East High School. Upon graduating from Clovis East High School in 2011, Mr. Viveros continued his studies at California State University in Fresno, California. During this time, Mr. Viveros used his curiosity, creativity, artistic ability, and confident speech background to find his way into political arenas and social groups, such as the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Following his graduation from California State University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration, Mr. Viveros began his professional career as a Board Assistant for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. In this role, Mr. Viveros applied his unique skillset to meet the various needs of the office providing administrative support, representing the Supervisor at community events, and expanding social media presence of the Supervisor.

In February of 2017, Mr. Viveros drove cross-country to Washington, D.C. joining my team as Scheduler. As Scheduler, Mr. Viveros was not only integral in managing my daily schedule but also to the overall function of my office. Mr. Viveros' ability to connect with others was evident whenever he interacted with constituents or those looking to schedule a meeting by going above and beyond to accommodate every request. Beyond scheduling, Mr. Viveros frequently volunteered his artistic talents to create digital media content for many of my social media platforms.

Mr. Viveros is also a small business owner, running Gabriel Cristian Photography in Washington, D.C. and Central California. Outside of politics, Viveros spends his free time growing his business and expanding his portfolio. In addition to photography, Gabriel enjoys graphic design, drawing, and interior design. For fun, he enjoys traveling to new cities, hiking, and spending time back home in California with his family.

Mr. Viveros' time with my office will come to an end on January 3, 2019 when I leave my office as the 116th Congress begins. I have no doubt he will continue to be successful and grow professionally in his future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. Gabriel Cristian Viveros, III for his public service to the people of California's Central Valley and wishing him well as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.

REP. MICHAEL CAPUANO
FAREWELL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank Congressman MICHAEL CAPUANO for his many years of service to his constituents in Massachusetts's 8th district.

MIKE and I served together on then Speaker PELOSI's Task Force on Ethics Enforcement in the 110th Congress. I developed a great appreciation for MICHAEL's candor and honesty while we both worked together. I have the highest respect for his integrity, judgement, and ability to find the truth on contentious or complicated issues.

Congressman CAPUANO earned the respect of his colleagues during his time on the Task Force and now as the current Ranking Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

It has been an honor serving with him over the years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, On Tuesday, December 11, 2018, due to a death in my family, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

on roll call no. 428, YEA; on roll call no. 429, YEA; and on roll call no. 430, YEA,

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HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Ms. Caitriona Rafferty for her service to my office and the people of California's Twenty First Congressional District.

Ms. Rafferty was born August 7, 1993 in Westwood, New Jersey to her parents, Brian and Maria Rafferty. One of four children, Caitriona grew up in Tenafly, New Jersey with her three siblings Ciara, Angela, and Thomas who she remains close with today. Growing up, Caitriona played an active role in her church and giving back to the community; attending mission trips and making time to be a Sunday School teacher. During her time at home, she helped repair houses and loved to play sports. In high school, Caitriona was captain of the Tenafly Tigers Volleyball team and co-captain of the St. Brigid's Ladies Gaelic Football Junior Team. Her hard work and dedication to the sport was a driving force that led her fellow teammates to the Junior Gaelic Football Championship and the World Games Championship in Ireland as a part of the New York Gaelic Athletic Association "All Stars" team.