

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,

TRIBUTE TO CAITRIONA RAFFERTY

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.

After graduating with honors from Tenafly High School, Ms. Rafferty went on to attend Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. While in college, Caitriona developed an interest in politics and began volunteering for local campaigns including Paul Vagianos for State Assembly and Christine Orday for State Assembly. In Spring 2016, Caitriona studied abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy where she had the opportunity to expand her worldly views, attend a Catholic Easter Mass at the Vatican, and make lifelong friendships. In May 2017, Caitriona graduated from Sacred Heart University with her Bachelor of Science in Political Science.

Caitriona joined my team as an Intern in my Washington, D.C. office in September 2017 and was quickly offered a full-time position on my staff as Staff Assistant in November 2017. As Staff Assistant, Ms. Rafferty was instrumental to my team through managing my D.C. internship program, assisting my constituents by planning tours in the nation's capital, and assisting staff with legislative and communication projects. In February 2018, Ms. Rafferty was promoted to Legislative Correspondent. In this capacity, she ensured every constituent concern or question was promptly addressed.

Ms. Rafferty's laid-back personality and steadfast work ethic was a valuable asset to my office. She was greatly respected by her peers for attention to detail and dedication to her work. Outside of work, Caitriona enjoys going to the movie theater, listening to podcasts, wandering through museums, but above all, she loves spending time with friends and family.

Ms. Rafferty's time with my office will come to an end at the beginning of the 116th Congress on January 3, 2019. I have no doubt she will continue to be successful and grow professionally in her future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Ms. Caitriona Rafferty for her public service to the people of California's Central Valley and wishing her well as she embarks on the next chapter of her life.

REP. ELIZABETH ESTY 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 Congresswoman ELIZABETH ESTY for her productive years in Congress and on the Science Committee in particular. Representative Esty has served her constituents in Connecticut proudly during her time in Congress.

Among other accomplishments, she enacted H.R. 255, the "Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act", in the current Congress. She also sponsored on H.R. 1020, the "STEM Education Act of 2015", which became law. It promoted educational opportunities for students in STEM subjects.

It is because of her principled approach that 33 of the Science Committee's 35 bills that were approved on the House floor were bipartisan.

ELIZABETH was willing to work across party lines to get legislation passed. It has been a pleasure serving with ELIZABETH in Congress.

THANKING DYLAN COLE
CHANDLER

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. Dylan Cole Chandler for his service to my office and the people of California's Twenty First Congressional District.

Mr. Chandler was born on July 17, 1992 in Huntsville, Alabama. As a child, Mr. Chandler was always supported and encouraged to learn by his parents, Christie Chandler Barclay and Douglas Hines Barclay II.

Growing up in Alabama with his sister, Emma, Mr. Chandler enjoyed being active and challenging himself academically as he held the position of Class Officer and played varsity soccer while attending New Hope High School. Upon graduating in 2010, Mr. Chandler attended the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where he became an active member of the University's Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. During the spring semester of his junior year, Mr. Chandler furthered his interest in American politics, gaining firsthand experience of the political process in Washington, D.C. while interning for Congressman MO BROOKS of Alabama.

Mr. Chandler graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2015 and soon returned to Capitol Hill beginning his career as a Legislative Correspondent in my Washington, D.C. office. In this position, Mr. Chandler successfully developed and maintained relationships with the constituents of California's Twenty First Congressional District, ensuring every voice was heard and concerns were thoroughly addressed.

Proving himself an integral member of my team, Mr. Chandler quickly moved up to take on the role of Senior Legislative Assistant. Mr. Chandler's dedication to the people of the Central Valley was unwavering as he worked tirelessly on legislative issues impacting my district including Agriculture, Financial Services, and Healthcare. These efforts were instrumental in securing millions of dollars in federal funding, improving the lives of countless people residing in my district.

Outside of work; Mr. Chandler is very active and enjoys skiing, golf, traveling, exploring local restaurants with various cuisines. His family and friends are incredibly important to him and he makes frequent visits to Alabama a top priority.

Mr. Chandler's time in my office will come to an end this January and he will begin a new chapter serving as Legislative Assistant to Congressman SEAN DUFFY of Wisconsin's Seventh Congressional District. While the Central Valley is losing a strong and reliable advocate, I have no doubt that Mr. Chandler will achieve many great things and continue working to help the lives of many others in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. Dylan Cole Chandler for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him the very best in this next chapter of his life.

REP. GENE GREEN 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 Representative GENE GREEN for his years of service in Congress. He and I have been members of the Texas delegation for years and I consider him to be both a colleague and a friend.

GENE has selflessly dedicated years of his life to represent the constituents of the 29th district of Texas. He has listened to their concerns and focused on the issues they care about.

GENE has worked with his colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee to pass legislation that has the support of both parties. His current leadership position as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Health, as well as his previous leadership roles on the Committee has garnered him respect from his peers throughout Congress.

I wish GENE the best as he starts his next chapter.

TRIBUTE TO ANNA RAQUEL
VETTER

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. Anna Raquel Vetter for her service to my office and the people of California's Twenty First Congressional District.

Ms. Vetter was born on July 27, 1989 in Houston, Texas to Maria Santucci Vetter and Bruce Gary Vetter. Although Ms. Vetter spent parts of her childhood in Texas, Georgia, and Colorado, she spent the majority of her formative years in Champaign, Illinois. As the eldest growing up with her three brothers; Anthony, John, and Daniel, Ms. Vetter was always responsible, reliable, and, when needed, stern—making her a natural leader.

After graduating from The High School of Saint Thomas Moore in Champaign, Illinois in 2007, Ms. Vetter went on to continue her studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. While attending the University of Illinois, Ms. Vetter also worked at a local boutique and in the Sports Marketing and Promotions Office for the University's Athletic Department. Balancing her studies and working two jobs, Ms. Vetter graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Advertising and Political Science. Soon after, Ms. Vetter began her career on Capitol Hill working as Deputy Communications Director for her hometown Congressman, Timothy V. Johnson.

Ms. Vetter joined my team in February 2013 as my Communications Director. In this role, Ms. Vetter oversaw all outgoing communications and served as my formal spokeswoman and media liaison, cultivating and maintaining relationships with local, state, and national media outlets.

After demonstrating her natural leadership abilities, Ms. Vetter took on the position as Deputy Chief of Staff in April 2016. Through this, Ms. Vetter was a trusted advisor on my