

young. Our prayers go out to him and his family as he leaves this world. As the light in The United States Senate has diminished this day, with the loss of one its great leaders and friends. I include in the RECORD this poetic tribute to him penned by Albert Carey Caswell.

WITH THE FAITH OF HIS FATHERS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

And when we were young
Were we those among,
Who were blessed with such a love song?
With the Faith of Our Fathers in hearts
which belongs
Which are of our greatest of gifts
So in all of this
To help us grow strong
To help us grow tall
To get up when we fall
To hold honor above all
To give us the moral compass to form
To help us move on
To have The Faith of Our Fathers for which
we all long
To learn how to lead
To go with Godspeed
To in yourself believe
And know right from wrong
While, in service to Country to answer that
call
To nourish souls all
With the Faith of Our Fathers in hearts so
very warm
Is our great gift to our children and theirs to
pass on
Is The Faith of Our Fathers so very strong,
To help lead a great life long after we're
gone
That in hearts that lives on
And John,
The Faith of Your Mother was just as strong
All in the examples you've set
All in the challenges you've met
All in what your caring reflects
As you've left to this world with no regrets
And John,
armed With the Faith of Your Fathers look
what standards you've set
And what missions accomplished of which
our world blessed
And though you had medals of Bronze and
Silver upon your chest
Even greater was your heart of pure Gold To
Be The Best
As you John for The Greater Good yourself
would neglect
For Something Greater Than One's Self as
you knew our Lord expects
And John Heaven holds a place,
for all those magnificent men like you in
your grace
Like that POW in that darkness all in what
you faced
In Strength In Honor,
as you've lifted up our world to make it a
better place
And John the United States Senate will
never forget your face
As all in the sands of time John, yours is
now etched
And now we lay your fine body down to rest
As upon the floor of the Senate what a giant
shadow you've cast
Leaving void,
And a chasm as great as The Grand Canyon
which will last
At Ease my son,
As one of America's Best,
and a winner In The Game of Life who's won
all those great quests
Now rise,
Rise up to Heaven with tears in your eyes,
As the Eagle of The Senate has taken flight
All in our Lord's arms, John, you now lie
As our Lord looks into your eyes
Saying, "John in that POW camp I could not
let you die"

"As me and Bud and Orson watched over you
day and night"
"and I knew in this world you'd had so much
more love to write"
"and you would bless America and our world
with all of your might"
"As your battle on Earth is over my son"
"But, your new battle has now just begun"
"As an Angel in my Army of The Lord my
son"
"Now, up here in Heaven your Fathers so
await"
"With open arms,
as over the years they've watched you so
proudly at your heroic gait"
And on this night, we rest much easier in our
beds
Knowing a new Angel named John McCain
watches us over head
And your family will hear you on the wind
And in the morning when they wake,
they will feel you next to them as where
you've been
Watching over them time and again
Until, one fine day you'll meet up in Heaven
my friend
And they won't have to cry no more
And for a child to become whole
To bring warmth and peace to their soul
They need The Faith of Their Fathers to
nurture and grow
As a gift far more precious than gold
When, armed with The Faith of Our Fathers
And our Faith In The Lord
Can there be nothing we can't overcome or
endure
And with tear in eye,
John as to you we say goodbye
At The Measure of This Great Man who has
died
Who was First in Freedom,
Who was First in War,
Who was First in Peace,
And in the leadership he implored
As you taught us how to live, and how to die
Who is now an Angel in The Army of Our
Lord,
who Heaven depends on up on high
Rise,
And now we lay your body down to rest,
Amen.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 380 and 381 on September 4, 2018, due to recent surgery. I would like to reflect how I would have voted:

On roll call vote no. 380, I would have voted Yes.

On roll call vote no. 381, I would have voted No.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF EVITA MENDIOLA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and mourn the recent passing of a long-serving former staffer of mine, Evita Mendiola, after a battle with cancer. She grew up in San Diego and lived briefly in the Cali-

fornia Bay Area before settling in Los Angeles. Evita worked for me on my first campaign for Congress in 1996 and served as Executive Assistant in both my Washington and Los Angeles offices for 12 years. She went on to work for our former colleague, Dale Kildee in his Washington office for another four years before returning to California in 2013.

My staff and I were deeply saddened to hear of her passing. I extend all of her family my deepest condolences, especially to her mother Renate Mendiola and her brother, Robert King. Evita loved her family, and was especially dedicated to her precious nieces and nephews. She took great pride in their achievements and spent much of her free time at their athletic events and extracurricular activities.

She served both Dale and I with dedication and diligence. She was my longest serving and best Executive Assistant. Evita watched over her colleagues and served by my side with fierce loyalty to the office, to the district, to my constituents and to the priorities of the office.

Evita was more than an Executive Assistant. She was a utility player that handled case work and field representative duties whenever called upon—even though being a “scheduler” alone is the toughest job in a Congressional office.

She took a particular interest in helping young people with their plans to attend military service academies. Over the years she guided dozens of applicants through the very complex and competitive application processes to make sure they received the opportunity to pursue serving our country. The annual service academy nominations became a highlight for me and members of my staff because of the hard work Evita put into it. Our country is better because of the military service of young people from the San Fernando Valley whom Evita helped pursue their dreams.

Evita served as a mentor for junior staff and interns alike. She often maintained contact with former staff and interns years after they had left the job, offering guidance, support and friendship.

Once again Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Evita Mendiola who will ultimately be remembered for her dedication to her family and country. May her family find comfort and solace in the memories they shared and in the life she led.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JUSTIN PRESSLEY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Justin Pressley, a Gainesville native who dedicated his career to advocating for the disabled.

When he was 16 years old, Justin injured his spinal cord in a motorcycle accident, leaving him a quadriplegic. Instead of viewing his injury as a setback, he used this challenge to encourage men and women who were also experiencing disabilities.