

I applaud Jeanne Lorenz for her leadership and commitment, and thank her for dedicating her life to serving her city and her community. I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting her for her exemplary years of service.

TRIBUTE TO DALY CITY FIRE  
CHIEF BOB O'DONNELL

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to one of the San Francisco Bay Area's most dedicated and distinguished public servants, recently retired Daly City Fire Chief Bob O'Donnell. During Chief O'Donnell's remarkable thirty year career in the Fire Department he left an indelible legacy on the community he served with extraordinary passion and professionalism.

In the wake of September 11th, the American people have come to better understand the heroic commitment of our nations firefighters in serving the public. Risking life and limb to protect the community is part of their daily job. Bob O'Donnell lived up to the highest ideals of public service through his thoughtful leadership, and we should all thank him for his outstanding labors on behalf of the people of San Mateo.

As a young boy, Bob O'Donnell dreamed of becoming a fire fighter, and that dream was realized when, in 1972, at the age of twenty-six, he joined the San Mateo Fire Department. His leadership skills and talent did not go unnoticed and was promoted to Fire Engine Operator in 1979, and then quickly rose to Fire Captain. By 1985, Bob was awarded the highest of honors when he was named firefighter of the year of Daly City. A year later, he was named Administrative Battalion Chief and then Operations Battalion Chief.

In 1997, his service record and leadership skills brought him to the pinnacle of his profession, Fire Chief of Daly City. During his thirty years in service, Bob became a forerunner in the field of fire safety by becoming one of the state's most active proponents of fire prevention and community fire safety education programs. From 1989 through 1996, he served as the department's Public Education Coordinator and led numerous efforts to educate the community on fire safety.

Chief O'Donnell's list of accomplishments is long. In the mid-80's he successfully fought for grants which secured smoke detectors for low-income citizens. His integrity as well as the respect he garnered from his fellow firefighters made him the natural choice to lead efforts in integrating women into the Daly City fire department in 1986. His sensitivity and leadership in the matter made Daly City a model for other fire departments. As Fire Chief, Bob O'Donnell's leadership was pivotal in developing a nationally recognized Joint Partnership Agreement engine-based paramedic program, which involved seventeen in-house paramedics. He coordinated the Vegetation Management Program to remove the highly flammable gorse plants in Daly City's Southern Hill section, thereby changing the area from a very high fire hazard zone to a low hazard zone. Daly City was the first to achieve this feat in California.

Chief O'Donnell's presence will be sorely missed at the fire houses of Daly City, but his legacy of achievement will continue to inspire the brotherhood of professional firefighters. I hope he enjoys his retirement, he's earned it.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM L.  
HENRY—RESCUE TEAM NO. 1

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a tribute to Firefighter William L. Henry of Rescue Team Number 1, a member of the Vulcan's Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

Whereas, September 11, 2001 was a day of horror and tragedy that will forever live in the memory of Americans, and;

Whereas, more than 3,000 people from many occupations, nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and creeds were brutally murdered by terrorists, and;

Whereas, members of the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, Port Authority and other Public Safety Personnel, through their valiant, courageous and heroic efforts saved the lives of thousands under unprecedented destructive circumstances; and;

Whereas, more than 300 New York City Firefighters lost their lives in the effort to save others, and

Whereas, Congressman Major R. Owens and the people of the 11th Congressional District salute the bravery and dedication of all who gave their full measure of devotion, and;

Whereas, we deem it appropriate to highlight the courage and valor of individuals and groups in a variety of forms and ceremonies: Now therefore be it

*Resolved:* That on this 10th Day of March, Two Thousand and Two, Congressman Major R. Owens, and representatives of the people of the 11th Congressional District, pause to salute the sacrifices of these honored men, and to offer their heartfelt condolences to families of these African American Firefighters who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

Given by my hand and seal this 10th day of March, Two Thousand and Two in the Year of our Lord.

JIM ROWAN: TIP O'NEILL'S RIGHT-  
HAND MAN

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend to my colleagues an obituary which appeared in the Boston Herald reporting on the death—and some of the attributes—of dear friend James Rowan, Sr.

I've known Jim since his years of service with Speaker of the House Thomas "Tip" O'Neill. We worked together in Washington, traveled the world together with the Speaker, and had a brotherly love and friendship that was shared by our families.

Just as I will never forget my friend Tip O'Neill, I will forever keep with me the many happy memories of my times with Jim Rowan.

My wife Alma and I extend our prayers to Francis and the family, and share in their grief over the loss of a great husband, father and friend.

[From the Boston Herald, Mar. 13, 2002]

JAMES ROWAN SR., AIDE TO HOUSE SPEAKER  
O'NEILL

James P. Rowan Sr. of East Boston, a senior political aide to the late House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., died Sunday at his home, after heart failure due to a brief illness. He was 79.

"Jim Rowan was one of Tip O'Neill's right-hand guys, especially on the Massachusetts front. He was full of colorful stories and had a great heart. Few were better at hearing a working person's problem and pushing the right buttons in the federal bureaucracy to get it solved," said Herald political columnist Wayne Woodlief.

A lifelong resident of East Boston, Mr. Rowan attended the High School of Commerce in Boston, the University of Missouri and Suffolk University. He also studied at Calvin Coolidge School of Law.

He served with the Navy in the Pacific for two years during World War II.

Mr. Rowan joined the Massachusetts House member's staff in 1953 and was a senior political aide to Speaker O'Neill for 33 years. He served as O'Neill's coordinator for district service programs and political affairs until the House speaker's retirement in early 1987. He also served as a consultant for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee for several years beginning in the late 1960s, when O'Neill was national chairman of the group.

During the past 14 years, he had served as a senior consultant to Cassidy and Associates, Washington, D.C., and specialized in international issues. He was also president of J.P.R. Consulting Inc., Boston. He had previously served as an insurance broker and a Boston area bank director.

Mr. Rowan had brief roles in two motion pictures. He was an avid racing enthusiast and owned horses that ran at several eastern state race tracks.

Mr. Rowan is survived by his wife, Francis (Brown); two sons, Daniel and James P. Jr., both of East Boston; and his sister, Frances of East Boston.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at Out Lady of the Assumption Church, East Boston.

A memorial service will be conducted in Washington, D.C., at a later date.

His ashes will be scattered at Saratoga Race Course, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., during the August meet.

Arrangements by McGrath Funeral Home, East Boston.

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**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate the students of