

## September 27, 2006: Sanchez Honors the Life of Santa Deputy Chief Bruce Carlson

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WASHINGTON—Today, Rep. Loretta Sanchez made the following floor statement in the U.S. House of Representatives in honor of the life and service of Mr. Bruce Carlson, Santa Ana Deputy Chief:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the life of Santa Ana Police Deputy Chief Bruce Carlson who passed last Thursday after his long fight with liver cancer.

Bruce loved our community and the people of Santa Ana. Bruce joined the Santa Ana Police Department on January 7th, 1973 as a patrolman. Through his dedication to service and understanding the concerns of others, Bruce rose in rank to become Field Operations Bureau Commander, overseeing the largest and most complex operation at the department.

His legacy in Santa Ana is not confined to his work with the Police Department. Bruce's closest friends know him to be a caring and thoughtful man who would go out of his way to help his community.

Bruce demonstrated true courage and maintained a very positive outlook on life throughout his struggle with cancer. He was a tremendous leader and made many significant contributions that helped to make Santa Ana Police Department the national leader that it is today.

Bruce Carlson is survived by his wife and two children. Our thoughts and prayers are with them today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.