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We Bring Youth to the Game!

Dr. Raul Ruiz, M.D., Congressman for 36th District, CA

Dear Dr. Ruiz:

This past Veterans Day, you came to Golden Era Golf Course in San Jacinto and spoke to an audience of veterans, their families, and friends. One of the people you honored that day was Dwayne "Bud" Arland. Bud was in a wheelchair, and you came down from the stage to speak to him privately and present him with a certificate honoring his service in the U.S. Navy in the North Atlantic during WWII.

Sadly, Bud passed away a mere four days later at the age of 93 years. I would like to share with you some of Bud's thoughts and feelings over his last few days. Bud shared with me that your presenting him with that certificate was one of the greatest honors of his life: "To think that a United States Congressman would come down from the podium to come to me! It was something I never dreamed could happen to me."

I met Bud fifteen years ago when he volunteered his time with our Grandfathers for Golf program which was created to help "at risk" children although any child who wants to participate can join. I watched as Bud volunteered not only to work with these children, but also to help GfG in its many fund-raising activities. For over two years, I watched as Bud would finish with his volunteer duties, go home to get cleaned up, and then drive to Banning where his wife was in an assisted care facility. He would bathe and feed her, then change her for bed. He did this even though she was in full dementia by then and didn't know who he was.

When I asked him why, if she didn't know him, he drove there and took care of her every day. He answered, "She doesn't know me, but I sure know her." He has served as my personal ideal of what a real man is.

On behalf of Bud, his family, and all his friends, I would like to thank you for taking the time to add that personal handshake and special words for a wonderful man, one of the last of the Greatest Generation.

Sincerely,

Tony Viola II, President