

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