



Senator Harry Reid

A Report to Latinos in Nevada

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Senator Reid Remembers Officer Raul Elizondo

Our attention is focused right now on Iraq, and on our troops – the men and women on the front lines who are protecting us. But we have always had men and women on the front lines protecting us - right here at home. They are our police officers, and they fight a war against crime every day.

I would like to recognize one of those officers – Raul Elizondo, of the North Las Vegas Police Department. On January 30, 1995, he was killed in the line of duty.

We have some outstanding officers in North Las Vegas, but Raul Elizondo quickly distinguished himself as one of the best. He was known for going above and beyond the call of duty and for getting personally involved in his community. He even helped get Christmas and birthday presents for children on his patrol beat.

In 1994, Raul Elizondo was named “Police Officer of the Year” by his colleagues in the North Las Vegas Police Officers Association. That same year, he got a special commendation from the Chief of Police at the Annual Policeman’s Ball.

Two months later, he was killed in the line of duty.

Raul Elizondo graduated from Basic High School in 1985 and was a member of the school’s 1984 State Championship wrestling team. He went on to pursue a degree in marketing from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas graduating in 1991, before deciding to become a police officer.

In 1992, he became a commissioned officer for the North Las Vegas Police Department.

In honor of his service in the North Las Vegas Police Department, Thursday, March 13th, was Raul Elizondo Day in North Las Vegas.

Officers from the North Las Vegas Police Department honored his memory at a ceremony at the elementary school that’s now named after Raul Elizondo. The school was officially dedicated Elizondo Elementary School on April 15, 1999. At the school, officers read to students, helped with classes, and ate lunch with the kids. In the afternoon, they had an assembly and a parade.

Although I was in Washington, D.C. on March 13, my thoughts were with Raul’s family and his sacrifice.

I thought about the police officers who will be carrying on Raul Elizondo’s tradition of being a role model for the community – as well as a law officer. I thought about Raul Elizondo’s family – his mother Ann, his sister and his two brothers. I thought about the officers of the North Las Vegas Police Department, who still live with the pain of losing a colleague and a friend.



Senator Harry Reid meets with Elizabeth Quiros from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Nevada in Washington, D.C.

And I thought of the police officers all over the country, and the sheriff's deputies, and the FBI agents, and my old department – the Capitol Police. I remembered how they put themselves on the front lines every day to keep me, and my family, safe. I offer my thanks for their sacrifice and for their safety.

Reid Calls Nevadans to Unite in Support of Our Troops in Iraq

Earlier this month, the men and women of our armed forces, with the help of British and Australian soldiers, began military operations to disarm Saddam Hussein and remove his brutal regime from power. This operation is not without risk, but the American military is the best fighting force ever assembled and I am confident our troops will bring about a decisive victory. We pray for their safety and wish them a speedy return to their families and friends. We also stand united with our Commander-in-Chief, as he leads the nation through this difficult period. I will do everything in my power to ensure the Congress fully funds and supports the needs of our troops. We must also continue with our diplomatic efforts in assembling a coalition to

share in the burden of post-war reconstruction and development.

Today we stand united, with one voice, in supporting our troops and in swiftly defeating Saddam Hussein. We must remain vigilant here at home to guard against the possibility of terrorist reprisals, but I am confident that peaceful times lie ahead. Certainly, peace and freedom lie on the horizon for the Iraqi people.



Senator Harry Reid meets with the Mexican Consul Berenice Rendon-Talavera after the 3rd Annual Las Vegas Hispanic Day parade held in October.

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