



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

JACKIE SPEIER
CALIFORNIA

September 12, 2017

Lakshmi Sastry
4119 Burma Road
Mobile, AL 36693

Dear Ms. Sastry:

I was saddened to learn of the passing of your husband, Durvasula. I was contacted by your nephew, Varun Krovi.

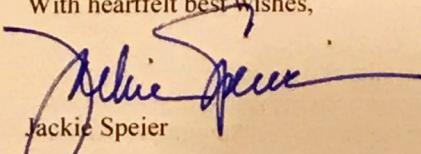
Varun also supplied me with an article indicating the extraordinary accomplishments and civic engagement of Mr. Sastry. I was heartened to read about his arrival in the United States and about his longtime service to United Airlines. In addition, he was deeply involved in community affairs here on the Peninsula, throughout the Bay Area, and nationally.

The type of leadership illustrated by Mr. Sastry is a precious gift to us all. It requires the sacrifice of time with one's family and some element of risk, since criticism is easily possible. Mr. Sastry obviously demonstrated enormous leadership over the course of his long life, and his message of compassion and community-building, as well as his support for international comity, are gifts from which this nation will benefit for many years to come. As a resident of Pacifica for decades, we were particularly fortunate to have his voice within our community.

I am especially moved by the irony of his passing during this moment in our history. His life illustrated the true spirit of immigrants. His rise in the community, nationally and professionally illustrates why those who come to America to contribute to our blessings ought to be welcomed.

Please extend to your entire family my sincerest condolences upon the passing of Mr. Sastry. I am confident that his spirit of civic advocacy live on in his family, and will serve as an example for many in the years ahead.

With heartfelt best wishes,



Jackie Speier

KJS/bp