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**From Pearl City to the Halls of Congress:  
New Biography Celebrates the Legacy of US Rep. Mark Takai**

The short but impactful life of Congressman Mark Takai (1967-2016) is chronicled in *Mark Takai's Legacy*, an affectionate biography written by a former legislative aide and newly released by Legacy Isle Publishing.

From University of Hawai'i student government to the State Legislature to the US Congress, Takai was a man who made a difference in a lifetime of service cut short by pancreatic cancer. Authored by Jenny Duhaylonsod Delos Santos, *Mark Takai's Legacy* traces the life and career of the popular public servant from Pearl City, who served with a quiet strength and an unwavering commitment to family and community. Elected to the US House of Representatives in 2014, the Iraq War veteran took a special interest in veterans and military affairs, public education and cancer research.

"Mark's struggle with his own health issues serves as an inspirational narrative to this story," Delos Santos says. "By documenting his achievements, personal battles and the lasting impact of his work, it's my hope that he will inspire future generations with his determination, dedication and compassion in the face of life's toughest challenges."

With a foreword by University of Hawai'i president emeritus Albert Simone, Delos Santos's book also includes color photos of Takai with a number of political figures – among them President Barack Obama, Gov. David Ige, and US Representatives John Lewis, Nancy Pelosi and Mazie Hirono. Delos Santos will sign copies of her new book at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, at Barnes & Noble at Ala Moana Center.

*Mark Takai's Legacy* (ISBN 978-1-958701-09-6) is available in softcover at bookstores and other retail outlets, from online booksellers, and direct from the publisher at [www.bookshawaii.net](http://www.bookshawaii.net). Legacy Isle Publishing is an imprint of Watermark Publishing of Honolulu.

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