

## REP. DAVIS GIVES TRIBUTE TO MRS. MAGGIE DALEY, FORMER FIRST LADY OF CHICAGO; PRAISES ROLE OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH

WASHINGTON, DC (NOVEMBER 29, 2011) - REP. DAVIS DELIVERS FLOOR STATEMENT, HONORING MRS. MAGGIE DALEY

On Monday, November 28, 2011, the city laid to rest the wife of Chicago's longest serving mayor, Mayor Richard M. Daley. While Maggie Daley was known as the mayor's wife, she was indeed a well known, well liked, and revered personality in her own right. Maggie Daley played the role of matriarch, she was warm, graceful, elegant, eloquent, and easy to like. She was a patron of the arts and steeped in the cultural affairs of the city.

While Mrs. Daley has received accolades for many of her activities, the one which strikes me the most is After School Matters. And I think anyone who knows anything at all about education and youth development knows that yes, after school does indeed matter. When discussing this program you could see Maggie Daley's eyes light up and feel her passion. She seemed to know everything there was to know about the program, she knew program sites, personnel, special features and activities, benefits and successes. After a session of listening to Mrs. Daley explain and advocate for this program, I would smile and say to myself, how could anyone not support this great program. Thanks to a great lady.

My family and I, and residents of the 7th Congressional District of Illinois express condolences to Mayor Daley and all of Maggie Daley's family. She was a great first lady of our city and played her role to perfection.