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## **Supervisor Spitzer Mourns Death of Trailblazer George Deukmejian**

### ***Spitzer Worked on His First Bill as Senate Fellow in Governor's Administration***

SANTA ANA, CA – Supervisor Todd Spitzer is mourning the death of former Gov. George Deukmejian who died on Tuesday – a great California leader who was an inspiration to all taxpayer advocates who followed him into government service.

With his nickname of “Iron Duke,” Deukmejian wasn’t afraid to stand up to special interests and legislators who sought to raise taxes. He eliminated a \$1.5 billion state deficit while at the same time putting public safety first by expanding the prison system. Deukmejian was 89 and died of natural causes.

“This really is a sad day for those of us who have worked in Sacramento and knew him,” Spitzer said today. “The first bill I worked on in Sacramento was signed by Gov. Deukmejian. He really was one of a kind.”

Spitzer was a Senate fellow in UCLA’s Class of 1992 and worked in the state capitol under Sen. John Seymour. Spitzer helped write SB 305, which appropriated emergency housing funds for residents who were displaced by a fire in Anaheim.

Deukmejian signed the bill on April 7, 1983, an event that Spitzer memorialized with a photo that also showed Seymour.

The experience drafting bills and working with constituents led Spitzer to obtain a master’s in Public Policy from UC Berkeley and a law degree from UC Hastings School of Law.

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