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Mrs. Carol Crowder  
1444 Fairhill Dr.  
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Dear Mrs. Crowder,

I want to express my sincerest condolences on the passing of your husband, Dr. Ralph L. Crowder. Dr. Crowder was an important figure at the University of California, Riverside and his loss will be deeply felt.

His leadership in education can be seen in every aspect of his work. Whether it was teaching courses, researching African American history, or serving as a mentor to his many students, Dr. Crowder was an invaluable resource for students in our community. His vision came to life with his immersive Civil Rights History Tours. His trips with students to Cuba, Brazil, and the American South brought history to life in a uniquely necessary way.

Dr. Crowder helped to pave the way toward a more equitable approach to education in Riverside County – an effort I hope to see preserved. Please accept my warmest regards to you and your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Takano".

Mark Takano  
Member of Congress