

From Mats of Woolen to Halls of Congress Paul Wellstone, an American Success Story

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Most of our readers are aware that Senator Paul Wellstone, an outspoken liberal Democrat locked in a re-election battle considered key to control of the Senate, was killed in a plane crash in northern Minnesota along

with his wife, daughter and five others. The twin-engine private plane went down in freezing rain and light snow near the Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Air-port, about 175 miles north of Minneapolis.

Wellstone, a 58-year-old former col-

lege professor and one of the foremost liberals on Capitol Hill, was on his way to a funeral of the father of a state lawmaker when he and others lost their lives.

Most people do not realize the lessons he had learned in his tough neighborhood