

a home at 117 South Hervey Street. This home stands as a marker of his heritage.

The Clinton Birthplace Foundation was formed several years ago, and has successfully renovated the home, turning it into a museum and visitors center. Today, the home is a tourist attraction on a local scale, and the Clinton Birthplace foundation is looking to have the home placed on the National Register of Historic Places as a National Landmark. In order for this to happen, a feasibility study must be completed. This study is only the first step in a lengthy process. H.R. 3815 will set this process in motion by authorizing the feasibility study.

The eventual designation as a National Historic Site will open the doors of economic opportunity by way of added tourism to Southwest Arkansas. Thirty-one of my fellow colleagues are cosponsoring this legislation with me, including the complete Arkansas delegation. Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, a Republican, is also supportive of this study. Arkansans view this home as part of our state history. This is not about politics, but instead about the rich history of Arkansas and our Nation. This site will help to celebrate that history and educate thousands of visitors, and perhaps most importantly, it will bring jobs, opportunities, and economic development to a part of our district that greatly needs it.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL PAUL J.
RICHTER

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, On 31 July 2002, Colonel Paul J. Richter retired as the Support Group Commander of the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard in Syracuse, New York. He assumed this position in January 1994, and was responsible for over 100 full-time and 300 traditional guardsmen.

He was previously assigned as the Deputy Commander for Resources from 1987–1994, during which time he was activated in December 1990 to Al Kharj Air Base, Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm, until the base deactivated in July 1991.

Colonel Richter was born on 28 November 1948 in St Louis, Missouri. He graduated St. Mary's High School in 1967, and attended St. Louis University on an AFROTC scholarship earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. His professional military education includes Squadron Officers School, 1984; Air Command and Staff School, 1986; and Air War College, Oct 1995.

Col Richter began his military career in 1971, gaining his commission in the Air Force through AFROTC. He was assigned to the 4789th Air Base Group, Hancock Field in Syracuse, New York. He served there for four years and was assigned to various staff positions in the Civil Engineering Squadron.

Col Richter entered the New York Air National Guard 174th Tactical Fighter Group's Civil Engineering Flight in 1975 as the full time Base Civil Engineer and traditional Engineering Staff Officer. He held numerous positions in the flight until assuming command in 1983. Subsequently, in 1987 he was assigned as the Deputy Commander for Resources. Upon acti-

vation for Operation Desert Storm, he was assigned as Assistant Deputy Commander for Resources at Al Kharj Air Base, Saudi Arabia. After the end of hostilities, he was given the job of Deputy Commander for Resources until the base deactivated in July of 1991. In December of 1998, he was selected for the Georgetown Capitol Hill Government Affairs Fellowship in Washington, D.C. from January until December 1999. During this fellowship, he was assigned to my staff where he worked closely on Military Construction and VA–HUD sub-committee assignments, as well as the FY00 Defense Appropriations Bill. More recently, Col Richter was assigned as the First Commander for the Air Component for the military response to the World Trade Center attacks.

His military decorations include the Bronze Star, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device and 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with 1 device, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 devices and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. His state awards include the New York State Long and Faithful Service Award, Operation Desert Storm Medal, and the Conspicuous Service Cross. Col Richter was promoted to his present rank and federally recognized on 3 Mar 99.

TRIBUTE TO MARCIA McQUERN—
PUBLISHER, EDITOR, PRESIDENT
AND CEO OF THE PRESS-ENTER-
PRISE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside County, CA, are exceptional. The County of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Marcia McQuern is one of these individuals. On October 1, 2002, Marcia will be retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the community as the Publisher, Editor, President and CEO of The Press Enterprise, the dominant news source for the Inland Empire. Her outstanding work in communicating with the public, in addition to her personal involvement in the community, will be celebrated at a luncheon her honor on October 8, 2002.

Marcia obtained her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara and served as the editor of the student newspaper. She later obtained her master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

In her 30 years of exemplary employment with The Press Enterprise, Marcia has worked as the executive editor, managing editor/News, deputy managing editor/News, and city editor as well as holding numerous reporting positions. In 1992 she was named president of The Press Enterprise and in 1994 she was named publisher and editor. Under her excellent leadership the newspaper's daily circulation increased from 116,000 to more than 185,000.

Marcia has also been an actively involved in the community and industry, currently serving as a member and former president of the board of the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Marcia also serves on the board of the Riverside Community College Foundations; the University of California, Riverside (UCR) Foundation; the Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation; the Inland Empire Economic Partnership; and the Community Foundation for the Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology. She is also a member of the Monday Morning Group, the Murrieta-Temecula Group and on the board of visitors for the UCR's College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Marcia has also served as a member of the boards of the American Society of Newspaper Editors; California Society of Newspaper Editors; the California Press Association; the University of California, Santa Barbara, Alumni Association; the editorial board of California Lawyer Magazine; and as a Pulitzer Prize juror.

In recognition of her outstanding work in the community, Marcia has been honored by the University of California, Santa Barbara as its Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2001; was inducted into the UCR Women's Hall of Fame in 1998; recognized as the California Press Association's Newspaper Executive of the Year in 2000; and honored as the Riverside YWCA Woman of Achievement in 1994.

Marcia's tireless work as the Publisher, Editor, President and CEO of The Press Enterprise has contributed unmeasurably to the betterment of Riverside County. Her involvement in community organizations makes me proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the residents of Riverside County are grateful for her service and salute her as she departs The Press Enterprise. I look forward to working with her in the future for the good of our community.

HONORING AN AMERICAN HERO:
HAROLD "BUTCH" HOLDEN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harold "Butch" Holden upon his retirement after 34 years as a Boys & Girls Clubs of America professional. After working his way through college in various positions with the San Diego and El Cajon Clubs, Butch launched a Boys & Girls Club career marked by great success and accomplishment. The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is losing a great man.

Over the years, Butch ran Clubs in Lewiston, Idaho; Anchorage, Alaska; Portland, Oregon; and, Santa Barbara County, California. He then was named Pacific Regional Vice President for Boys & Girls Clubs of America's national office, where he was responsible for the development and oversight of hundreds of local Clubs, serving hundreds of thousands of young people. From 1996 to present day, he closed out his career by building an organization consisting of nine Clubs now known as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Oregon. All along the way, Butch has guided and looked after the young people in his Clubs as if they were his own children.

From 1967 to 1971, Butch served our country as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, rising to the rank of Captain. He served two tours in Vietnam as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander, and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action against superior enemy forces, two Bronze Stars for valor, three Purple Hearts, a Navy Commendation Medal for valor, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with silver star, and the Combat Action Ribbon. All of these were personal decorations.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Butch Holden, a true American hero. Butch Holden is a man who has served his country in war and in peace. He has truly made it his life's mission to make America a better and safer place for our young people. Butch Holden has earned our respect and is a shining example of why America is the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MARIANNE
AND DONALD KLEKAMP

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marianne and Donald Klekamp, dear friends and community leaders, who will be honored at the 4th Annual Brain Injury Awards Dinner in Cincinnati on September 27, 2002.

Marianne and Don are both Cincinnati natives who have made a tremendous difference in our area. Marianne received a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from the University of Cincinnati in 1956. Don received a Bachelor of Arts with honors from Xavier University in 1954, and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1957.

Marianne and Don were married in July, 1957. They briefly left the Cincinnati area while Don worked as a tax attorney in Cleveland with U.S. Steel Corporation. However, in 1959, they moved back to Cincinnati, when Don accepted a position with the law firm of Keating & Muething, P.L.L., as it was known back then. Forty-three years later, Don is still working hard as a Senior Partner at the same firm, now known as Keating, Muething & Klekamp, P.L.L. Don is an excellent lawyer, and is regularly included in the Best Lawyers in America.

Don's success at Keating, Muething & Klekamp, P.L.L., would not have been possible without Marianne's hard work and dedication to their family and home. While raising their five children, Amy, Molly, Rebecca, Jody, and Peter, Marianne provided support to Don in his law practice and to his community activities.

Marianne and Don have also given a great deal to our local community. In addition to their children's school related activities, Marianne served as President of Cotillion, and more recently as a member of the Cincinnati Nutrition Council. Don recently served for eight years on the Indian Hill Council, the last four as Mayor of the Village. He also was a board member of the Indian Hill Historical Society, the Greater Cincinnati Dental Care Foundation

of Children's Hospital, and the Citizens for Community Values. Don also was president of the Cincinnati Citizens Police Association, a former trustee of the Madeira and Indian Hill Joint Fire District and of the University of Cincinnati Foundation. In addition, Don is a founder and past president of the Ohio Right to Life Society, and he has received a number of awards and honors, including the Trustee's Award of the Cincinnati Bar Association and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Xavier University.

Don currently serves on the Dean's Board of Visitors of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, and on the boards of the Legal Aid Society and the National Coalition of the Protection of Children and Families and Life Issues Institute. Don also serves on the board of directors for a number of companies, including Cintas Corporation.

Marianne and Don recently established the Donald P. Klekamp Professorship of Law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and helped establish a scholarship in the Honors AB Program at Xavier University. They also were instrumental in providing funding for the acquisition and remodeling of the Donald P. Klekamp Community Law Center, the new location of the Legal Aid Society, which provides legal services to the poor and disadvantaged in Southwestern Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, Marianne and Don are outstanding individuals who have really made a difference in the Cincinnati area. All of us in Southwestern Ohio are thankful for their countless contributions to our community as they are honored at the 4th Annual Brain Injury Awards Dinner.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS AND
JOSEPHINE KOSON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Louis and Josephine Koson on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this past August 29, 2002. This extraordinary couple embodies true commitment. They possess a love and dedication for each other that is remarkable.

Louis and Josephine met and married while Louis was an Air Force Military Police officer during World War II. They went on to have two children: John and Loretta. By way of their children, Louis and Josephine now have one grandchild, Tommy, and two great grandchildren, Sean and Matthew. I am proud to share their story with you.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation understands the value of strong families. Louis and Josephine are an example to us all that love endures all things. I hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing their successful marriage and their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

SIGNING THE DISCHARGE PETITION FOR H.R. 1343, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with my colleagues in demanding that Congress consider comprehensive hate crimes legislation. I hope my colleagues will join me in signing this discharge petition to bring H.R. 1343, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, to the floor for an immediate vote.

H.R. 1343 will expand the scope of the current Federal Hate Crimes Law by including crimes motivated by bias against a victim's sexual orientation, gender, or disability. It will help crack down on hate crimes by providing technical, forensic, and prosecutorial assistance to State and local law enforcement. It will also make grants available to State and local governments who have incurred great costs in investigating and prosecuting these crimes.

Unlike the Republican Leadership, I do not see violence based on prejudice as some abstract legal concept. I disagree that hate crimes cannot be discerned from other types of violence and thus do not deserve special penalties under the law.

Crimes based on hate must be viewed for their real consequence. Hate crimes are not just violent acts perpetrated upon an individual because of their skin color, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. This is wrong enough. But these crimes are also intended to terrorize a whole community of people, to let them know they too are susceptible to violence solely because of who they are or what they believe.

Hate crimes are also a direct assault upon the fundamental ideals of our Nation. They undermine our basic commitment to freedom, equality, and justice. They unbind the bonds of community and imperil the common character—and common decency—we aspire to as Americans.

The Republican Leadership ignores this greater threat alongside the real life impact these crimes can have on our citizens and communities. In my own district—one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse in the Nation—hate crimes are not merely a cause for worry and concern, they are a reality.

In each of the communities I represent, people of different origins and backgrounds, religions and cultures live together as neighbors. But, there is always the prospect that they will be faced with acts of discrimination and violence.

Some of my constituents in Hayward have responded to this threat by launching their own effort against racial discrimination called the No Room for Racism campaign. They passed an ordinance condemning hatred and discrimination in their city and have inspired similar efforts in other communities. Their effort is the basis of the No Room for Racism resolution I introduced in Congress this year.

These constituents would tell each of us in this House that a comprehensive hate crimes law is a necessity—not only to protect them from senseless reprisals, but also to uphold the character and decency of the larger community in which they live and raise their children.