

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.

September 11th has led to many pronouncements that Americans have come to reaffirm the moral imperatives on which our Nation was founded. But, its aftermath has also shown the immediacy of taking real steps to protect people's lives. Already, Federal authorities have seen a rise in violence against Arab Americans with nearly 5,000 documented incidents and several murders motivated by prejudice. This is in addition to countless acts of violence that are reported every year against African Americans, Asian Americans, Jews, gays and lesbians, and women among other minorities. The facts show that it is time that we enforce a no tolerance policy on acts of hate.

I urge my colleagues to stand up for our Nation's ideals, to stand united against hatred and intolerance, and demand action on this important hate crimes legislation.

IN HONOR OF THE ARMENIAN
EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF HOLLYWOOD'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor the Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood. On November 23, 2002, the church will celebrate its 20th Anniversary and we would like to offer our congratulations and good wishes on this most noteworthy occasion.

The Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood, founded in May of 1982, began as a ministry created by the Rev. Abraham Jizmejjan and the Rev. Abraham Chaparian. The Hollywood Pastoral Ministry, as it was designated in the early days of the church, offered church services, fellowship groups, Bible study and a variety of other pastoral services.

In June of 1982, after the current day church had been formed, the church was officially accepted by the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America and from that time, the church has devoutly served its community. Today, the congregation numbers over 250 and is served by a number of church ministries, including Sunday school, men's and women's fellowship, Bible study and youth ministry.

Over the years, the church has always made a special commitment to the youth of its congregation and community. It was from this commitment that the church, nine years ago, founded New Direction For Armenian Youth, to serve at risk youth in church and surrounding areas. The program has helped countless young people and their families in coping with many of the harmful influences that pervade many of our communities.

We ask all Members of Congress to join us in honoring the Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood on the church's 20th Anniversary and wish the church many fulfilling days to come.

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL
RECREATION AREA

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 941, the Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate Boundary Adjustment Act. This bill contains several provisions that will enhance preservation of our natural and cultural resources in California.

I applaud my colleague from California, Representative LANTOS, for championing the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Mateo County. This bill would add close to five thousand acres to the park, including Rancho Corral de Tierra, one of the largest undeveloped properties on the San Francisco Peninsula and one of the few remaining ranchos from the era of Spanish land grants.

This acquisition, conducted through a public-private partnership, will allow the park service to protect spectacular views, three complete watersheds, and habitat of rare and endangered species and plants.

Of great importance for the future of the park, S. 941 also reauthorizes the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore Advisory Commission. The Commission was established thirty years ago to provide for the free exchange of ideas between the National Park Service and the public, and it has ably carried out this mission.

I wish to acknowledge and thank all the members of the Commission for their dedicated service to the GGNRA and public, with special thanks to Chairman Richard Bartke and Vice Chair Amy Meyer. The GGNRA is one of the most complex parks in the country, and its diversity and vibrancy is due in no small part to the efforts of the Advisory Commission.

I look forward to working with Rep. LANTOS, my colleagues on the Resources Committee, and my colleagues in the Senate to ensure that this bill is signed into law before Congress adjourns this year.

AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC
LANDS JOURNEY

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, from Native Americans to Mormon Pioneers to today's western travelers, people have long been captivated by the unique and beautiful landscape of my state. Utah's steep mountains, broad valleys, ancient rock formations and unique natural resources continue to draw visitors and many of my fellow Utahns to our public lands where a wide variety of outdoor activities can be enjoyed.

This coming Saturday, September 28, 2002, Utah and the Nation will celebrate National Public Lands Day. In Salt Lake City, we will welcome a special group of folks that spent the last two months on an incredible expedi-

tion. American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey, is an educational project bringing the public lands story to life for thousands of school children and interested adults. Two teams of adventurers have been traveling entirely on public lands as they make their way from Canada and Mexico through six states on over 3,000 miles of rivers and trails, following in the pathways of pioneers and acting as modern explorers. American Frontiers has been made possible by a partnership involving dozens of organizations led by National Geographic Society, the U.S. Department of Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, American Honda and the Coleman Company.

These modern explorers have produced wonderful and thoughtful stories about the diversity and value of the lands they traveled through in Utah and other states. I look forward to welcoming these adventurers to my home state on Saturday, and encourage every citizen to embrace the legacy of America's most beautiful lands on that day.

A TRIBUTE TO DARRYL HEUSTIS
FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
VETERANS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to Dr. Darryl Gordon Heustis, who has made his entire medical career one of service to our Nation's veterans. After 25 years at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center in Loma Linda, California, Dr. Heustis is retiring today as the medical center's chief of staff.

In our modern, fast-paced, mobile world, it's rare to find a homegrown talent who grows up to serve his community as well as Dr. Heustis has in the Inland Empire. A native of Riverside, Darryl Heustis received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California, Riverside, and an MD from Loma Linda University. He completed his residency in pathology in 1977 at Loma Linda University Medical Center, and immediately went to work for the nearby Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center.

The medical center was newly completed in 1977, and Dr. Heustis became one of the original employees. He served as Director of Laboratories until 1986, and then Chief of Laboratory Service for the next three years. He continued his education even as he worked full time in these jobs, and in 1983 received a masters degree in management from Claremont Graduate School. In 1989 Dr. Heustis was named Vice President of Medical Affairs, and has served as the medical center's chief of staff to this day.

During his career at the medical center, Dr. Heustis has helped ease the transition of the Veterans Administration from a hospital-room oriented facility to one that provides care to most veterans on an outpatient basis. Although the number of beds at the medical center has been reduced from 500 to 97, patient visits have grown to more than 340,000 a year. I applaud Dr. Heustis for meeting the prime responsibility of providing the very best care to our Nation's veterans, while at the