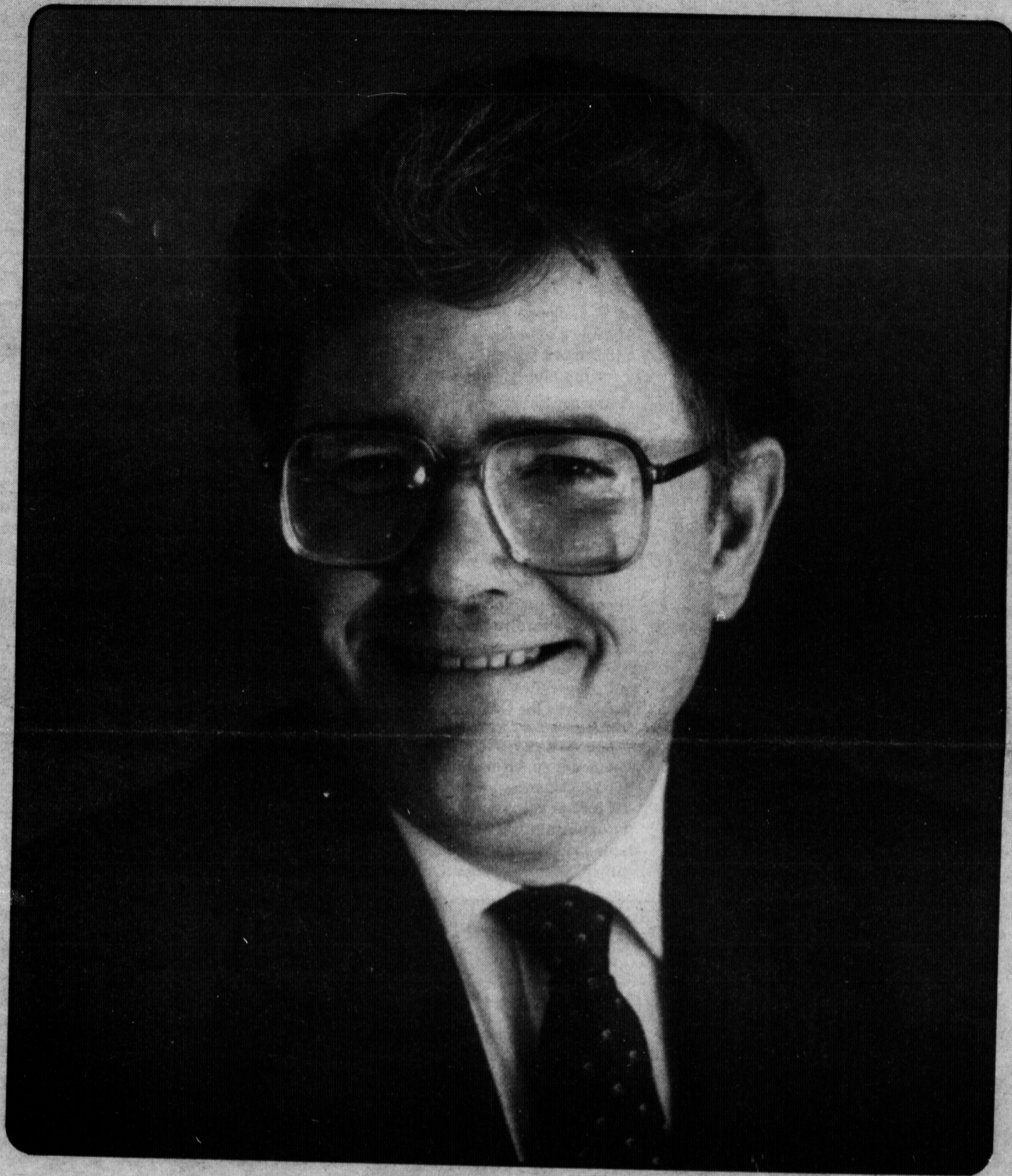

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ELECTION SPECIAL

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Women Endorse Britt on Issues

Lesbians Praise Candidate Britt as Strong Voice on Feminist, Gay Issues

by Ray O'Loughlin

The gay women's community has coalesced behind the effort to elect Harry Britt to Congress. Because Britt is seen as a strong voice both for lesbian and gay issues as well as for what one woman called "quality of life issues," many lesbians have publicly endorsed Britt's candidacy. Campaign organizers say they have received endorsement cards from at least 200 lesbian activists.

At a Mar. 7 press conference, nationally known activist and author Sally Gearhart backed Britt's campaign, saying, "Not only will he be advocating for money for AIDS but also for progressive reforms. He'll be a voice for us and for all people."

Citing past differences with Britt—Gearhart in fact had supported his opponent for supervisor in 1979—she said, "I have in the past had some heavy criticisms of Harry Britt, but over the years, I've seen Harry change." She mentioned Britt's support for feminist issues such as comparable worth and child care as reasons for her change of heart.

And, said Gearhart, "I confess to wanting someone who is openly gay in Congress. I confess to wanting that phenomenon to come out of San Francisco, the home of one of the largest lesbian and gay communities in the world."

Barbara Cameron, former co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee, echoed those sentiments, saying she supported Britt "because he will represent progressive issues and be a very effective voice for lesbians and gay men." She added that she hoped the community

would unite behind Britt to fight off the conservatism currently in power in the U.S.

Former candidate for supervisor, Pat Norman characterized Britt as "one of us." "Harry's commitment to San Francisco stems not merely from the fact that he votes here. Harry Britt lives here. He walks our streets and rides in our buses."

Norman said she felt Britt would be effective in Congress. "Harry has more contacts in Washington than he is credited for," said Norman.

She also questioned the claims of Britt's chief opponent, Nancy Pelosi, who has said she will ask for \$3 billion to fight AIDS. "If she has that power and that kind of contacts, why has she not used them before?" asked Norman, adding, "If she has the power, we'd appreciate her working for us whether or not she's elected."

Britt's familiarity with both gay and non-gay issues rated him highly in Norman's opinion. "Few people who've done work on issues for all people can also deal effectively with gay and lesbian issues as Harry can."

Gearhart too saw Britt as a representative for a broad spectrum of concerns. "I'm persuaded that our election of Harry to Congress



Sup. Harry Britt with supporter Pat Norman. (Photo: Rink)

will be as close as we can come to choosing a voice for the people as opposed to a voice for the party or for big money," she said.

Attorney Roberta Achtenberg, speaking as a parent, credited Britt with "never being allied with those who have tried to destroy the quality of life in San Francisco."

In her view, said Achtenberg, there was "no division" in the lesbian and gay community. "People who support justice for all, people involved in the fight against the scourge of AIDS, and people concerned with feminist and progressive issues, support Harry Britt for Congress."

Activist Laurie McBride summed it up, saying Britt's election to Congress meant "a new day for our community. We have the opportunity to send to the big table in Washington a man who will speak for our rights." ●

EDITORIAL

Say NO to Pelosi

by Wayne Friday

I remember when it was a daring act for a straight politician to campaign in a gay bar for votes. Now everyone is used to the appearance at gay bars and events of political candidates at election time.

Sometimes they are politicians like Jack Molinari or Milton Marks who many in our community know personally from their being for us and with us countless times.

Sometimes they are politicians like Phil Burton who most of us don't know personally, but who have a long history of producing for our community.

We reward these leaders with our friendship and respect — and votes.

But sometimes the politicians who appear at election time have done little or nothing for our community in their careers. And they cynically expect us to be flattered or fooled into voting for them.

Nancy Pelosi is the worst of these cynical politicians. If one were to search San Francisco for a candidate who has done the least for gay people, it would be hard to top Pelosi.

Pelosi's record on gay issues has been discussed before in these pages. It bears repeating that she favored the abolition of the Lesbian/Gay Caucus of the National Democratic Party, of which she has been a leader. That she was responsible for shunting gay people aside during the 1984 Democratic Convention because she considered us bad for the party's image. That she has never produced a thing on AIDS from among her supposedly valuable "connections" in Washington. That virtually all of the senators for whose election she takes credit favor job discrimination against lesbians and gay men. That she refuses to support domestic partners legislation. That she was nowhere to be found when the gay movement needed allies to fight for AIDS or anti-gay violence.

Even worse than her record is the astounding lack of consciousness about gay people which she has displayed during this campaign. Her supporters in the media have deliberately exploited homophobia to scare straight voters into voting against Harry Britt.

Her commitment to leading an all-out federal assault on AIDS is particularly suspect. Last week, she referred to AIDS as a short-term issue and not one of her priorities if elected.

Her campaign literature refers to people with AIDS as "victims" — when it mentions AIDS at all. This week, a mailed brochure listed eight issues on which Nancy Pelosi would deliver if she were elected. Cable car funding and a new federal building were among them. Incredibly, AIDS was not.

Such a lack of consciousness is what we might expect of a minor contender for a minor office. But surely it is unacceptable in a leading candidate for one of the most important public positions to the gay community nationwide.

San Francisco's representative in Congress has to be on the front lines of freedom for gay people. But Pelosi's friends may not let her.

Among the nearly \$1,000,000 in contributions Pelosi has collected for this race are thousands from insurance companies who favor forced testing and discrimination against gay people. Pelosi also received the maximum \$5,000 from the American Medical Association. With such relationships, it is inconceivable that she could lead the fight in Congress for the insurance protections and comprehensive national health insurance we desperately need.

Thankfully the latest polls show Pelosi's support hemorrhaging as more and more voters, straight and gay, see through her million-dollar campaign rhetoric. As they conclude that the candidate of the oil companies, highrise developers, banks, insurance companies and Washington lobbyists is not the candidate for San Franciscans. ●



Sup. Harry Britt announces his candidacy for the U.S. Congress. (Photo: S. Savage)

Tenant Groups For Harry

Congressional candidate Harry Britt achieved the endorsement of two key community organizations this week: Affordable Housing Alliance and San Francisco Tomorrow.

Britt received 70 of 78 votes cast by the Housing Alliance. San Francisco's largest renters' coalition. "This is absolutely the most overwhelming support we have ever given a candidate, said Mitchell Omerberg, the group's director.

"Britt has long championed renters' rights, sponsoring or voting for every single piece of renters' rights legislation before the Board of Supervisors during the last eight years," added Omerberg.

San Francisco Tomorrow, one of the city's oldest and most respected planning and environmental groups, gave Britt its support "based on his stellar environmental record," said Ken Smith, chair of SFT's political

action committee.

"I am extremely proud of both these endorsements, reflecting my grassroots involvement in issues of critical concern to San Franciscans," said Britt. "I am committed to making affordable housing and environmental issues among my highest priorities in Congress." ●

The last time Headlines made any commentary in this space was to announce that we were discontinuing the sales of poppers and would sell condoms at cost. Now, we want to urge you to consider voting for Harry Britt in the coming special election on April 7th. Headlines proudly exists within the gay community of San Francisco, and we feel that it is extremely important that our special interests be represented in Congress the same way special farm problems are represented by a Congressional district in Kansas. We live in probably the most liberal Congressional district in the United States, and your votes are needed to make us heard.

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Britt Represents ALL San Francisco

by Sup. Richard D. Hongisto

During this special election campaign many people are having to make hard choices when it comes to voting for someone to represent them in Congress. I have been asked many times who I support because I have several friends whom I respect running for the seat. This campaign has no shortage of talented candidates. However, there is a shortage of candidates who strive to represent the impoverished and disenfranchised of our society. So, for me, the choice will be easy. I will support Harry Britt.

But Harry is not known for tooting his own horn. He is humble and self-effacing when it comes to his accomplishments. But as a colleague of Harry's for the last seven years, I have seen his intelligence when it comes to understanding the complex issues that face our city and through the priorities he sets in dealing with them.

We need someone who has the sensitivities to represent minority groups as well as the mainstream. And, in these times of the AIDS crisis, we need someone in Congress who has been in the trenches in the fight against this disease, and whose passion for ending it will help to mobilize the nation in finding a cure. Harry Britt is that person.

More than any other public official in San Francisco, Harry has curried favor less with the elite and powerful. Instead, he has sought to do more to represent the impoverished and the disenfranchised. He has not accepted money from wealthy power brokers and used it to make slick media spots or to buy votes. He stands in sharp comparison to many on the political scene.

Harry Britt's brand of politics is marked with honesty, integrity and openness. It is community activism that brought Harry to public office and it is that same grassroots spirit that has directed his tenure in public office. As a candidate for the 5th Congressional District seat, Harry has taken his agenda to the people of San Francisco by campaigning the old-fashioned way — taking positions on the issues, talking of policy and educating the electorate.

People Power Will Decide This Election

by Sup. John Molinari

I am supporting Harry Britt for Congress because I firmly believe that of all the candidates running, Harry will best serve the city's interests.

In addition to sending the most qualified person to Congress, San Franciscans are presented with the historic opportunity of sending an openly gay person to Washington. In the midst of the AIDS epidemic, we need his voice and his skills very badly.

Under normal circumstances, a member of Congress elected in a special election would be invisible in Washington. In a crowd of 434 other members, all of them with more seniority, a freshman member of Congress would take years to become known and take power. But when Harry Britt goes to Washington, he will have instant recognition. The eyes of every member of Congress will be upon him. And more importantly, Harry will be covered by the national and international press as he presses the urgency of lesbian and gay issues.

As a supervisor, I have worked closely with Harry for eight years. We have co-sponsored a great deal of legislation together to increase AIDS funding and assure the civil rights of gay men and lesbians. I have the utmost respect for Harry as a courageous and effective legislator who has taken on some of the city's most controversial issues and passed important laws to address them.

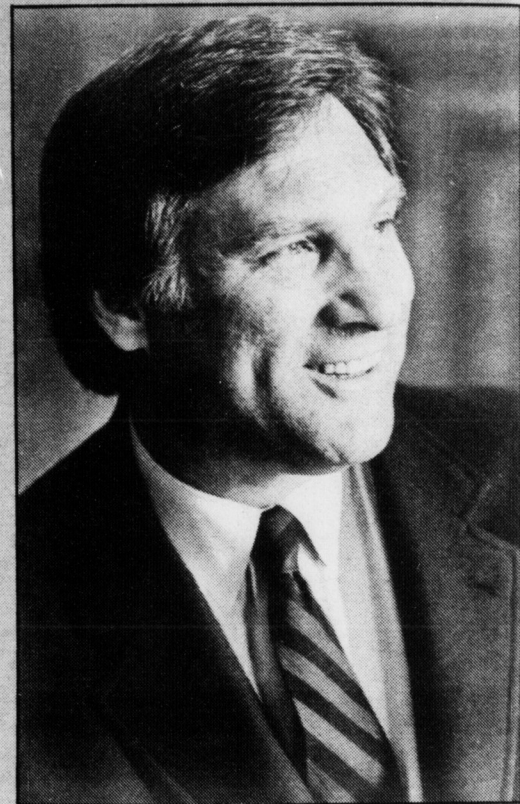
Perhaps Harry's greatest strength is his ability to build relationships with people from diverse constituencies, the effect of which has been increased awareness of the needs of the lesbian and gay community. More than any other individual, he has helped to educate San Franciscans about the needs and goals of the gay community.



In the Forefront of Progressives

by Nancy Walker
President, Board of Supervisors

San Francisco's seat in Congress has long been seen as a position from which national leadership is exerted. It is not enough for our representative in Washington to vote right. We have come to expect our member of Congress to be in the very forefront of the American progressive agenda.



Harry Britt has led the fight to keep rents and taxes down, to protect our neighborhoods and environment, to establish fair pay and working conditions for women and minorities, to sever city connections with South Africa.

Harry Britt has been the board's most outspoken critic of the Reagan Administration's cruel policies that bring suffering to the elderly and the poor of our city, and the reckless military adventures that threaten world peace.

Harry has been an articulate national spokesperson in opposition to the influence of the religious right wing in politics.

Harry Britt's election to Congress would be a giant leap forward for the lesbian and gay community which all too often has had to fight just to preserve the status quo. I can only imagine the hope that Harry's victory would instill in the hearts of people suffering from AIDS, and of gay people nationwide.

Harry would be so much more than just a gay Congressman. I know that he would be a champion of women, minorities, working people and seniors. I know that he would fight for environmental protection, education, health care and civil liberties. I know that he would make a real difference.



Gay-Asian Coalition Can Elect Britt

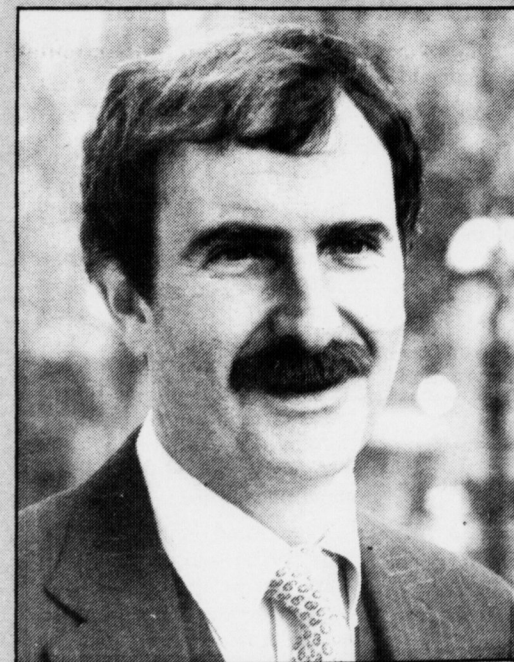
by Sup. Tom Hsieh

As the special election to fill the 5th Congressional District seat draws near, a question comes to my mind. Is it possible for the gay and Asian communities to develop a coalition to support a single candidate, such as has been done with single issues? I believe the joint efforts by these two communities during the successful defeat of Prop. 64 demonstrated the conviction of human rights, justice and individual equality that gay and Asian groups share. With this, I know that coalition action in support of a single candidate who would represent the convictions of these two communities would once again prove to serve our mutual interests well.

Supervisor Harry Britt is the candidate whom I consider to be the one to provide the kind of representation that the gay and Asian communities, whether they are conservative, moderate or progressive, will expect and need in Congress.

For years, both communities have been victimized by the hostilities of prejudice and discrimination. While violence against Asians as well as gays and lesbians is frequent, society has scarcely paid serious attention. When the Democratic National Committee decided to drop the Gay/Lesbian Caucus and the Asian Pacific Caucus in 1985, few utterings of support were heard from leaders of other political groups.

In 1987, I want to change this unfairness in San Francisco by working together to elect Harry Britt to the U.S. Congress.



A Place at the Table

by Sup. Tom Nolan, President
San Mateo Board of Supervisors

Harry is a man of great ability, enormous compassion, and proud, significant accomplishments. By any standard, in any district, Harry Britt would make an outstanding member of the United States House of Representatives.

Sup. Britt's candidacy is a historic opportunity for our community. My chief reason for writing is to confirm my conviction, based on my own two-plus years of public service, that there is no substitute for having our own "place at the table."

We have good, courageous friends and supporters in public office from the courthouse to the United States Congress; in Harry we have a very real chance to take our own place at this most significant "table!"



(Photo: Rink)



Harry Britt's Record As A Legislator

- Sponsored legislation to extend employment benefits and visitation rights to "domestic partners" — those in significant relationships outside of marriage (1982).
- Served as state-wide chair of the successful campaign to defeat Proposition 64 on the California ballot — a law that required the isolation and quarantine of all who test positive for the AIDS virus (1986).
- Obtained a \$450,000 commitment from the city to fund gay health programs in response to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (1982).
- Sponsored legislation resulting in \$1.7 million in spending for patient care, community education, community services and research relative to increase city services for AIDS (1983).
- Worked with State Assembly leaders to bring about \$2.9 million in state spending for AIDS programs and research (1983).
- Sponsored legislation to prohibit discrimination against people with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions in housing, employment, business and city services (1985).
- Sponsored hearings on the problems of homelessness for AIDS and ARC sufferers (1987).
- Traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with administration and legislative leaders to lobby for increased AIDS funding and improved AIDS programs (1986).
- Called for hearings on the concept of equal pay for jobs of comparable worth (1981).
- Opposed a ballot measure to repeal legislation adopted by the Board of Supervisors to implement a system of comparable worth (1985).
- Sponsored legislation urging the President and Congress to protect the rights of individuals in matters of sterilization (1982).
- Opposed a city ballot measure calling on the federal government to eliminate bilingual ballots (1983).
- Sponsored legislation to prohibit discrimination against the disabled (1980).
- Sponsored legislation to divest city funds from companies doing business in South Africa, covering city investments, contracts and purchase of commodities (1985).
- Sponsored legislation to rename South Drive in Golden Gate Park for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1983).
- Sponsored legislation to reduce annual allowable rent increase provided in the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, and establish controls on rent increases for vacant apartments (1983).
- Introduced legislation to apply rent stabilization measures to commercial property occupied by small merchants (1981).
- Introduced legislation to strengthen tenants' protections from certain forms of eviction (1987).
- Introduced legislation to create a system of binding arbitration for commercial rent increases in the North Beach area (1986).
- Introduced legislation to provide protections for tenants displaced as a result of loss of rental housing (1986).
- Sponsored the Residential Hotel Conversion Act to limit conversion of residential hotels to tourist use as a means of protecting low-income and senior housing (1980).
- Sponsored neighborhood Special Use District legislation — an ordinance that protects small commercial businesses in neighborhoods (1980).
- Co-sponsored legislation to establish a Downtown Transit Assessment District requiring downtown office developers to offset public transportation costs created by their construction projects (1980).
- Introduced legislation to create strong controls on high-rise development (1979).
- Co-sponsored legislation to require licensing of businesses storing and handling hazardous materials, regulate toxic storage, and provide community access to information about hazardous materials in neighborhoods (1983).
- Sponsored Proposition N, approved by San Francisco voters, establishing a two-year, renewable moratorium on the construction of any facilities for the purpose of oil-drilling or oil-production (1986).
- Sponsored an Energy Retrofit Ordinance requiring installation of energy conservation measures prior to sale of residential property (1981).
- Sponsored an Energy Retrofit Ordinance requiring installation of energy conservation measures prior to sale or leasing of commercial property (1987).
- Re-introduced Mayor George Moscone's proposal for an Office of Citizens' Complaints to respond to police misconduct. This charter amendment was approved by voters in 1982.
- Introduced legislation to establish registration of paid lobbyists (1981).
- Sponsored a ballot measure, approved by voters, calling on Pacific Gas and Electric to reduce rates to 1981 levels (1981).
- Introduced a ballot measure to repeal the City of San Francisco's tax charged residential utility users (1986).
- Co-sponsored legislation calling for the creation of a public education pamphlet on the aftermath of nuclear attack (1982).
- Sponsored legislation calling for U.S. non-intervention in El Salvador (1983).
- Sponsored legislation to increase city funding of community arts programs by \$1 million (1984).



Harry Britt makes a pitch at the Gay Softball League opener. (Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

A Strong Voice In S.F. Politics

Sup. Harry Britt has become one of the most prominent elected gay officials in the country. In January, 1979, he succeeded the late Harvey Milk, who was slain along with Mayor George Moscone by former Supervisor Dan White. Britt was a close political associate and personal friend of Milk.

Elected to a full term in December, 1979, Britt was the only challenged incumbent to retain a seat on the Board of Supervisors. As supervisor, he has been re-elected in November of 1980 and 1984 in city-wide races.

Harry Britt has emerged as one of the strongest progressive voices in San Francisco politics. While effectively advocating the rights of gay people, he has also been a very strong proponent of the rights and welfare of working people, seniors, women, minorities and the disabled.

He played a major role in developing city and state programs to address the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. He sponsored legislation resulting in San Francisco's major AIDS spending, and worked with the state legislature to bring about the first AIDS funding by the State of California. He authored legislation to prohibit discrimination against people with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions.

In 1982, Britt authored legislation to recognize "domestic partners," people in significant relationships outside of marriage, by extending to them employment benefits traditionally held for spouses.

In 1986, Britt served as state-wide co-chair of the successful campaign to defeat Prop. 64 on the California ballot — a law that would have resulted in the quarantine of all persons who tested positive for the AIDS virus.

Sup. Britt has been a leader in the effort to establish comparable worth for women in the workplace, and has supported women's freedom of choice on abortions. He has sponsored legislation divesting city funds from South Africa in response to the oppression of black people under that country's system of apartheid. And he has worked with ethnic and minority groups to prohibit discrimination and enhance their presence in city government.

Having worked actively to curb police misconduct and harass-

Alliance Supports Britt

At a recent special membership meeting the Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance voted to award \$1,000 to the election campaign of Harry Britt in his bid to be the first openly gay man elected to the Congress of the United States.

The Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance is a lesbian and gay political action committee that raises money for candidates who support gay, lesbian and human rights.

The Alliance urges all qualified individuals to exercise their right to vote in the special election on April 7.

Britt has become a popular speaker across the nation and in foreign countries, addressing rallies for such progressive issues as gay rights, a major federal response to AIDS, women's rights, non-intervention in Latin America, and environmental protection. He speaks for the importance of building strong coalitions among progressive and minority communities to bring about needed social change.

A long-time political activist, Harry Britt is a former president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club and served as a delegate to the Democratic Party's National Convention in 1980.

Harry Britt is 47 years old and is a native of Port Arthur, Texas.



Harry Britt (r.) with Sup. John Molinari, Louise Molinari, and Jose, Empress I of San Francisco. (Photo: Rink)

LEADERSHIP



On Saturday, March 7, 1987 leaders from virtually every major San Francisco lesbian and gay social service, legal rights, political and AIDS-oriented organization joined in announcing their support of Harry Britt for Congress.

For a decade, Harry Britt has been on the front lines of our community's struggle for freedom and justice. He has led in creating solutions to the challenging problems of anti-gay discrimination, AIDS, police misconduct, anti-gay violence. With his leadership we have grown stronger, prouder and more unified.

Now, the leadership of San Francisco's lesbian and gay community stands united in the historic effort to send an openly gay person to represent our city in the United States Congress.

We can do it. We must do it.

ON APRIL 7TH, JOIN US IN VOTING FOR HARRY BRITT FOR CONGRESS.

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Harry Britt concedes. (Photo: Steve Savage)

Pelosi Edges Out Britt

Britt Takes 34,000 Votes; Run-off Vote Set For June

by Wayne Friday

Democratic party activist Nancy Pelosi defeated Sup. Harry Britt in the special election held Tuesday, April 7, to complete the term of the late Rep. Sala Burton in San Francisco's 5th Congressional District. Pelosi, backed by Mayor Dianne Feinstein, the Democratic party machine, both daily newspapers, and supported by a campaign war chest of over \$600,000, won 36 percent of the vote (38,021) to 32 percent (34,031) for Britt, who placed second.

In a race that was much closer than predicted, Sup. Bill Maher trailed Pelosi and Britt badly with 14 percent, followed by Sup. Doris Ward with 6 percent and Sup. Carol Ruth Silver with 3 percent.

With all precincts in the district reporting, Pelosi led Britt by only 4,000 votes out of nearly 97,000 cast in the special election.

Britt's strong showing indicated that despite being outspent by Pelosi forces by nearly three-to-one,

the gay leader had expanded his support far beyond the gay community. Britt had the support of many environmental and labor groups, a number of Democratic clubs, and was endorsed by Supervisors Nancy Walker, John Molinari, Tom Hsieh, and Richard Hongisto, District Attorney Arlo Smith and Sheriff Michael Hennessey.

The 5th Congressional District has a 64 percent Democratic registration, and Pelosi, a wealthy party leader from Pacific Heights, is virtually assured of victory in the June 2 run-off. She will face Republican Harriet Ross and four minor party candidates. Ross, a deputy public defender and former county Republican chair, defeated gay activist Kevin Wadsworth and two other standard candidates — Tom Spinoso and Mike Garza — to win the Republican nomination.

LaRouche supporter Brian Lantz, running as a Democrat, polled a total of 141 votes in the city's district.

Poor Turnout May Have Sunk Britt

Gay Vote Turnout Dismal;
Did Not Exceed City Average

by David Lamble

A sample of 37 precincts in San Francisco's 5th Congressional District reveals clues as to why Sup. Harry Britt narrowly lost his bid for the late Sala Burton's House of Representatives seat to Democratic party socialite fundraiser Nancy Pelosi. Although Britt did well in many expected areas, he failed to pull in a sufficient number of votes in conservative areas to offset Pelosi's strong pluralities in those neighborhoods. And even though those gay voters who went to the polls voted for Britt in substantial numbers, voter turnout in gay areas was no greater than elsewhere in the city, coming in at a dismal one-third of registered voters, the same as for the city overall.

A survey of 15 precincts in the city's gay and liberal neighborhoods showed Britt with comfortable victory margins in Bernal Heights (57.9 percent), Potrero Hill (57.4 percent), Noe Valley (62.7 percent), the North Inner Mission (71.6 percent) the Polk, Twin Peaks and, of course, the heart of the Castro (73.9 percent). But Britt did not fare as well in key areas such as the Tenderloin,

where he edged Pelosi by the eyelash margin of 37.7 to 35 percent in one voting site on Jones Street. In Diamond Heights, he beat Pelosi 32.7 to 31.8 at a balloting location on Ora Way. In the Marina Pelosi led Britt at the Marina School precinct 41.9 to 26.7 percent.

The Britt campaign's Waterloo came, as expected, in the con-

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Crowds gathered around computers for voter results. (Photo: Steve Savage)

We Won More Than We Lost, Says Britt

Candidate Gracefully Concedes Election;
Praises Unity, Pride of Campaign

by Allen White

Harry Britt lost his bid this week to be elected to California's 5th Congressional District of the U.S. House of Representatives. As quickly as his followers were accepting the shock of defeat, they were enumerating their extraordinary achievement. The ledger on the victory side was indeed impressive. Britt, who was pegged in many polls as a 3-1 loser, lost by only four percentage points. The final tally against Nancy Pelosi was 38,021 to 34,031.

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Today

Rattles: U.S. Surgeon General Koop continued to rattle conservative cages, saying kids should be told about safe sex before it's too late. See page 18.

Saved: S.F. drug services got the good word from Sacramento that they will be funded until the new budget takes effect. Charlie Linebarger reports, page 14.

Where's the Beef?: Lining up for the International Mr. Leather contests hoping for a shot at the Academy Awards of Leatherdom, says Mr. Marcus, page 32.