

A year and a half after casting the lone vote opposing President Bush's global campaign against terrorism, Congresswoman Barbara Lee has become the name attached to the anti-war movement.

When Lee came to the stage at last month's peace rally in San Francisco, she heard the chant "Barbara Lee for president." She has heard it before, and seen it on signs, from Oregon to Massachusetts.

That's a long ways from Mills College, where she graduated 30 years ago. Now a fourth-term Democrat representing Oakland and Berkeley, Lee, 55, gets all the inspiration she needs walking into her district office in the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building in Oakland.

ON THE BARBARA LEE FOR PRESIDENT MOVEMENT

It's a humbling moment when you hear that. I recognize I have represented this area for five years in Congress, and I was in the state Senate and Assembly since 1990. But when you hear the shouts "Barbara Lee for president," you have to say, "Where's that coming from?" It's not coming from me. It's not coming from my staff. That's for sure.

ON THE "I TOLD YOU SO" TEMPTATION

On Sept. 14, 2001, right after the horrific attack, when I voted no, I knew then that it was wrong for us to give the administration a blank check. That was giving the president too much power to use force without coming back to Congress at all. I believe, and the Constitution requires, that the Congress declare war, that we engage in debate with regard to war and peace. So I would cast the same vote today. No second thoughts.

ON NO LONGER BEING THE ONE LONELY ANTI-WAR VOTE

I offered the Lee Amendment as an alternative with regard to disarmament and finding diplomatic solutions to our problems with inspections. We received 72 votes [Oct. 10, 2002]. When you look at the last vote on the use of force, we had 133 no votes on that resolution.

ON NORTH KOREAN MISSILES POINTED AT THE BAY AREA

During the debate on Iraq, some members of the Progressive Caucus really made the case for the missile scenario in North Korea and said, "That's where we need to begin talking about containment." I don't think the general public knew, because it's been "Iraq, Iraq, Iraq" from the administration.

ON THE SOLUTION

We need to re-engage. During the Clinton administration, there was engagement going on. For the first 18 or 19 months of the Bush administration, there was no engagement at all. Next what do we hear? The president goes to Congress and cites the "Axis of Evil." We must re-engage with North Korea, and we must do that immediately. It's a very dangerous situation—certainly more dangerous than Iraq.

ON THE PEACE MOVEMENT

This doctrine of pre-emption and first strike—Iraq is first on their list, and this is a policy that this administration is dead-set on implementing. We see Iraq now, Iran, North Korea. Who knows what country is next? I just hope it doesn't take hold, and that's why I'm so happy and delighted to see the peace marches throughout the world.

ON NAKED SPELLOUTS

I've seen the pictures. People are finding creative ways to protest. These women chose to express their views in this way. That's a manifestation of their determination to make their statement.

ON BECOMING AN ACTIVIST AT AN EARLY AGE

I was born on July 16, 1946, in El Paso, Texas. When my mother went to have me,

they wouldn't admit her to the hospital because she was black, and she almost died. I heard my mother tell me this and I was really upset. They left her to die on a gurney.

ON GROWING UP A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

I was raised in Texas and the schools were segregated. I wasn't allowed to go to public school. I went to Catholic schools. They were the only ones that would let black folks in. I can remember my dad in his uniform—he was an officer in the military—and we'd go to restaurants and they'd say, "I'm sorry we can't serve," and they used the N word. So I was always fighting for what was right.

ON AN ARMY BRAT BECOMING A PEACE ACTIVIST

My father is a retired lieutenant colonel. When I cast the one vote against the war, he said, "That was the right vote." He was in the Korean War and he's very clear on issues of war and peace. My mother too. They're my source of strength.

ON MENTORS

Ron Dellums is a phone call away. We work on issues together. He's probably made more of an impact on me than anybody, in terms of policy. He worked very hard to get this federal building here, and every time I walk in, I think of Ron.

RECOGNITION OF THE VISTA NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2003*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today the Vista National Little League celebrates its 50th season of serving the boys and girls of the Vista area. There will be a Golden Glove Gala to celebrate this special occasion. The efforts of the many volunteers that have contributed countless hours to the success of the league deserve special recognition.

During the past fifty years, approximately 20,000 children have played baseball with the Vista National Little League. Little League baseball gives children the opportunity to learn about discipline, teamwork, respect, dedication, responsibility, competition, character, and sportsmanship. Little League baseball provides positive influences for children and promotes lifelong friendships.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Vista National Little League's 50th anniversary, I would like to personally recognize the work of those who have served as coaches, team parents, board members, snack bar workers, and field maintenance managers.

HONORING LEO MARCH

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2003*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend, Leo March, who passed away last October. Leo was a successful entrepreneur, a devoted family man and a solid public servant.

Born in September of 1932, Leo suffered many hardships through his youth, including being stricken with polio and having to leave school after the tenth grade in order to support his family. Despite these setbacks, Leo was determined to succeed.

In 1982, Leo began his own company, Integrated Sign Associates, in La Mesa, CA. Starting in a small office, his business grew to include up to 40 employees, a satellite office in Van Nuys, CA, and a complete fabrication and installation facility of 18,000 square feet located in El Cajon, CA.

Leo was very active in his community and loved San Diego. He was involved in local politics working several campaigns. Leo served on the Mayor's Sign Force Committee for the City of San Diego, was an expert witness for sign design and planning for the California Supreme Court and served as President of the California Electric Sign Association. He was a member of an advisory board to the California State Senate Select Committee on Small Business Enterprises for ten years as well as a Panel Moderator for the White House Conference on Small Business and the director of the Boys and Girls Mental Health Centers. For over a decade, Leo was the Vice Chairman of the Small Business Advisory Board in San Diego and he sat on the Selective Service System Board Member as a Presidential Appointment for seven years.

Leo's efforts did not go unnoticed. Leo received a Commendation Service to Community Award from San Diego Congressman Bill Lowery. He also gained a California State Assembly Resolution touting his Community Service in 1991 and in the year 2000, he received the same award from the California State Senate. Due to his community service, the City of San Diego proclaimed December 6, 1999, as Leo March Day and the County of San Diego made May 16, 2000, Leo March Day for the entire county.

Leo's family was an important part of his life as well. He married his wife, Donna Jean, on November 27, 1953, and they had two children, Ronald James and Linda Ann. He enjoyed spending time with his four grandchildren, Lisa, Lori, Chanda, and Ryan, as well as his great granddaughter Nicole. Leo enjoyed flying and owned an airplane, a Piper Dakota. He was a member of the Gillespie Pilots Association and was appointed to the Gillespie Field Development Council in January 2001. Leo also enjoyed playing golf and other recreational activities, but cherished taking part in activities involving his family most of all.

Throughout his life, Leo March faced challenges with a positive attitude and a determined spirit. Leo accomplished many of the goals he set for himself and leaves behind a group of loved ones that admired his dedication to community, business and family. I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Leo March.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND CANON DR. ALONZO CLEMONS PRUITT

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Canon Dr. Alonzo Clemons Pruitt in recognition of his steadfast commitment to his community.

Reverend Pruitt served as the Sixth Rector of St. Philip's Church from September 12, 1993 to March 30, 2003. During his ministry,