

Gay National News

"NGLTF has received a growing number of reports about police officers who failed to respond adequately to gay and lesbian law enforcement needs because of fear of AIDS," commented Kein Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project and member of HRRC Advisory Board. "By focusing on at-risk behaviors rather than risk groups, this card helps to dispel myths about AIDS that lead to irrational and unprofessional behavior. I recommend that gay and lesbian community groups encourage their local law enforcement agencies to distribute this information and to adopt sensible policies on dealing with AIDS and other infectious diseases."

AIDS pocket cards are available from the Human Rights Resource Center, 30 N. San Pedro Rd., Suite 140, San Rafael, CA 94903; 415/499-7465. Cards are \$20.00 per 100. Packets of sample police department AIDS policies and training are also available free from HRRC.

NGLTF Issues Report Cards on 100th Congress

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) today distributed Report Cards evaluating the records of all 535 members of the 100th Congress to activists around the country. Each Congressperson's voting record was tracked on a variety of issues important to the lesbian and gay community such as: civil rights legislation, anti-lesbian and gay violence, federally-funded programs and educational materials regarding the AIDS epidemic, and anti-discrimination provisions for handicapped people including PWAs, PWARCs, and those who are HIV positive.

The report cards reveal that while many Members of Congress support lesbian and gay issues, a great deal of educational work remains to be done. NGLTF found that over half the Members of the House of Representatives (56%) earned a grade of 'A' or 'B,' and almost three-quarters (72%) earned a passing

grade by voting with the NGLTF position at least 60% of the time. By contrast, only one-third of the Senators (34%) earned a passing grade of any kind, and 66 Senators received an 'F.'

The Congressional delegation from Massachusetts scored the only cumulative 'A' with a combined score of 90%. Other states whose representatives scored well included Connecticut-88%, Vermont-86%, Rhode Island-85%, Washington-84%, Hawaii-79%, and Michigan-76%. Among those states whose representatives did the worst were New Hampshire whose delegation received a score of 35%, Idaho-27%, and Wyoming-25%. (Ed. note—NY's delegation received a score of 75%).

Smithsonian to Acquire Panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will acquire several commemorative panels collected by the NAMES Project for its AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The acquisition will take place over a period of time in an effort to document the diversity of those who have died from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The quilt panels will be added to the collections of the Division of Medical Sciences, which has an ongoing interest in issues related to the history of public health in the United States.

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