



**Fw: memorial question!**  
**The BOSTWO** to: Ray Nutting  
Sent by: **Kitty J. Miller**  
Cc: Cynthia C Johnson  
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**donravanelli@hughes.net**

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**memorial question!**

**Don Ravanelli** to: Ray Nutting Supervisor, Ray Nutting

02/19/2010 04:09 PM

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Ray, just wanted to thank you again for the personal phone call the other morning...however, I have now been told that the fellow Soike has been turned down twice by the county? So I guess my question about wasting county time on this still exists?? So, even forgetting the question of whether or not the inscription is a prayer, religious or otherwise, why can't this man take no for an answer, not once but twice? I am still voicing my **OBJECTION**, and this public discussion is going to turn into a circus, that much I can almost guarantee.

Don



**Item 3**

**Kitty J. Miller** to: Cynthia C Johnson  
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02/19/2010 05:23 PM

Thank you,

Kitty Miller  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Ray Nutting  
District II Assistant,  
(530) 621-5651

— Forwarded by Kitty J. Miller/PV/EDC on 02/19/2010 05:23 PM —

From: "Ray Nutting" <raynutting@hughes.net>  
To: "Kitty Miller" <kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
Date: 02/19/2010 05:38 AM  
Subject: FW: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

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**From:** Fred Ott [mailto:fred.ott.b8t5@statefarm.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 8:09 AM  
**To:** Ray Nutting  
**Subject:** RE: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

Hi, Ray! I didn't know that the words **God** and **Heaven** belonged to any specific religion! If anyone can identify the specific religion to which the Soike Bench original wording belongs, then there would be an issue. Otherwise, the original wording is fine! Remember: it's freedom "of" religion, not freedom "from" religion! Thanks for asking..... - Fred

**From:** Ray Nutting [mailto:raynutting@hughes.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 11:58 PM  
**To:** Ray Nutting  
**Subject:** FW: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

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**From:** Jim Aldrich [mailto:Jim@TeamAldrich.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 8:35 AM  
**To:** Ray Nutting  
**Subject:** RE: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

I am totally with Soike on this, it's Art, freedom of expression and really only talks in general terms about God and heaven. The next thing will be " in God we Trust" or mention of God in our public library books. Soon the Pledge of Allegiance will say "One nation under Obama".

I'm sure a quick search of National Veterans Memorials will give you plenty of ammunition.

Good luck.

**Jim Aldrich**

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**From:** Dick Williams [mailto:dwilliams@pioneer.k12.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 11:25 AM  
**To:** Ray Nutting  
**Subject:** RE: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

If "God" is good enough to be on the currency of our nation it should be good enough to be on a memorial bench to honor a fallen soldier. Dick Williams

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**From:** Abraham, T [mailto:tabraham@marshallmedical.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 12:03 PM  
**To:** Ray Nutting  
**Subject:** RE: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

Ray,

It is a bit unusual and I've never seen the phrase before. That said, I don't see anything offensive in what he wants to inscribe. Not sure about the precedent it sets, but that's why you get paid the big bucks, right? Good luck with your decision.

T Abraham  
Marshall Medical Center  
Phone: 530.344.5429  
Fax: 530.344.5424  
1100 Marshall Way  
Placerville, CA 95667

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**To:** "Kimberly Beal" <kimberlyabeal@gmail.com>, "Kitty Miller" <kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
**Date:** 02/19/2010 05:38 AM

Subject: RE: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

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Good info Kimberly. Kitty, please add to the packet. Thanks again Kimberly.

**From:** Kimberly Beal [mailto:kimberlyabeal@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 1:01 PM  
**To:** 'Ray Nutting'  
**Subject:** RE: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

Ray,

I read the article in the Mountain Democrat yesterday and was surprised that Tom Soike's message was of concern to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Veteran's Monument. My understanding is that in the current climate the words God and Heaven could be used provided the funding for the item is solely paid by a private party; it is only controversial when government funds would be used. It seems to me that since Tom Soike's family is solely paying for the inscription they should be able to say what they want.

There are an abundance of public buildings across our country that have the word God engraved upon them. While today public funds might not be used to inscribe the word God on a public building, it is not being removed. Also, public funds are still being used to print the word God onto our paper currency. I just looked at a one and five dollar bill and in both cases the words "In God We Trust" are printed on the back side of the bills.

Finally, during many public hearings at the local, state and federal level, such as the EDC Board of Supervisor's, there is an invocation. I hope the Board approves the inscription.

I thank you for asking my opinion.

Kimberly Beal  
4270 McNeil Road  
Cameron Park, CA 95682  
530-677-4712 home  
530-672-9048 home fax  
[kimberlyabeal@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyabeal@gmail.com)

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Cc: <katlibicki@aol.com>, "'Ryan Wallace'" <captainbassmurderer@yahoo.com>, "'miles wallace'" <beast6760@yahoo.com>, "'allyssa little'" <im\_speshal\_memo\_1@yahoo.com>, <cawlittle5@yahoo.com>, "'Holiday Inn Express'" <pbm8@hotmail.com>, "'Robert Attinger'" <attinger@sbcglobal.net>, "'dave borges'" <coachdbdc@yahoo.com>, "'Tami Wallace'" <tami\_wallace@hotmail.com>, <tomhdavis@aol.com>, "'john upton'" <rkupton@aol.com>, <lizbuchmiller@sbcglobal.net>, "'Coco Kelly'" <coke.thesubstitute@gmail.com>, "'South Tahoe Chamber of Commerce'" <southtahoechamberofcommerce@gmail.com>, "'launa craig'" <launacraig@hotmail.com>, "'Candace Williams'" <tahoewino@aol.com>, "'Shirley Ralls'" <tahoechurch@gmail.com>  
Date: 02/19/2010 05:39 AM  
Subject: RE: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

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Hi Kitty,

Add this to the agenda.

**From:** Duane Wallace [mailto:duane\_wallace@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 5:59 PM  
**To:** raynutting@hughes.net  
**Cc:** katlibicki@aol.com; Ryan Wallace; miles wallace; allyssa little; cawlittle5@yahoo.com; Holiday Inn Express; Robert Attinger; dave borges; Tami Wallace; tomhdavis@aol.com; john upton; lizbuchmiller@sbcglobal.net; Coco Kelly; South Tahoe Chamber of Commerce; launa craig; Candace Williams; Shirley Ralls  
**Subject:** RE: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

Board of supervisors,

RE: Our family is in support of Mr Soike and his desire to have his words written on the bench he paid for/ donated. It is our understanding that there was one bench inscripted at the Veteran's Memorial and that Mr Soike paid \$ 3,500 for the right to have a prayer like writing in his own words that included the words God and Heaven written on the second bench. See attachment. The County is concerned by those two words and has to date not allowed the bench to be written upon as the other was.

The first amendment allows for any citizen to speak or write freely.

This gentleman has earned the right through service to his country to have his words written as he wishes.

It is consistent with the way people during the war he fought in thought and spoke.

He has paid money in good faith to have his thoughts put on the bench.

Were there restrictions placed on him prior to his donation?

They are his words not those of the County. The County isn't endorsing them by having them in place anymore than having a Bible available or any other religious book from any other religious beliefs available for reading at the public library is considered an endorsement.

The Ten Commandments and depictions of Moses are in plain view above and behind the U.S. Supreme Court Justices in our U.S. Capital.

In God we trust is on our currency.

Writings that are related to historical events have been protected by the courts.

Grave stones in for instance a government cemetery have the words Heaven and God written on them as a common occurrence.

Any other statement by any other person of any other faith should also be allowed within the framework of having paid for and following the rules in place as Mr. Soike had done.

President Obama had a prayer said at his inauguration that was done on government property and in part paid for by government funds.

Separation of church and state is actually NOT in the Constitution in the way that is commonly misunderstood and was actually meant to protect churches from the establishment of a state religion. Simply allowing someone else to express thier own thoughts and a historical view does not violate that idea.

It is simply the right thing to do.

We understand the concerns over law suits. some things are worth fighting for. This is one of those things.

Please consider standing up for the first amendment.

The Wallace Family

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**Fw: Quote**  
**Kitty J. Miller** to: Cynthia C Johnson  
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From: "Doug Morgan" <hotrods37@msn.com>  
To: <kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
Date: 02/19/2010 08:42 AM  
Subject: Quote

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I support the message to be applied to the bench!





**Fw: Ray's letter re Soike issue**  
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From: Mo Focht <maureenfocht@yahoo.com>  
To: kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
Date: 02/19/2010 09:14 AM  
Subject: Ray's letter re Soike issue

Please tell Ray I totally agree with him, and  
great letter!!

Maureen Focht MS

Author, "**Silent Heroes, Courageous Families living with Depression and Mental  
Illness**"

Award Winner, WMA Fresh Voices 2006; Finalist Award Winner, USA BookNews 2005



**Fw: Letter to BOS\_Soike Bench**  
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From: <dcrosariol@ctaes.net>  
To: <raynutting@hughes.net>, <kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
Date: 02/19/2010 09:27 AM  
Subject: RE: Letter to BOS\_Soike Bench

Dear Ray,

I read your letter and offer my support.

**David R. Crosariol, P.E.**

**cta** Engineering & Surveying

**From:** Ray Nutting [mailto:raynutting@hughes.net]

**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2010 5:34 AM

**To:** Ray Nutting; Kitty Miller

**Subject:** FW: Letter to BOS\_Soike Bench

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**From:** "Louise Stanley" <lstanley@directcon.net>  
**To:** "Northern California Soldiers' Angels Team " <lstanley@directcon.net>  
**Cc:** "NCHCS VAVS Board" <lstanley@directcon.net>, "Friends of Northern California Soldiers' Angels " <lstanley@directcon.net>  
**Date:** 02/19/2010 09:33 AM  
**Subject:** Letter to El Dorado County's Board of Supervisors Regarding Veteran's Memorial Bench Dispute

Angels, I think you'll want to express your opinion on this issue whether or not you live in El Dorado County... thanks.

Louise Stanley  
Soldiers' Angels Northern California Chapter  
*"May No Veteran Go Unloved or Be Forgotten..."*  
lstanley@directcon.net

530-622-9118

National Website: [www.soldiersangels.org](http://www.soldiersangels.org)

Local Chapter News: [www.directcon.net/lstanley/SANCNews](http://www.directcon.net/lstanley/SANCNews)

*"It is vital to the future of our nation that we keep the faith and that we stand up with courage and conviction to defend our American way of life."*

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**To:** Ray Nutting ; Kitty Miller  
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**From:** Judy & Dennis Mathat <djmathat@gmail.com>  
**To:** "kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us" <kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
**Date:** 02/19/2010 10:05 AM  
**Subject:** Soile bench

If any soldier went to war with doubts about calling out to their "God" they soon were reminded as my 95 yr old atheist father-in-law has stated that: "There are no atheist in foxholes". Soike's inscription reminds me of that statement.

Also remember what Ronald Reagan said, "if we forget that we are a nation founded under God we will soon be a nation gone under". Let the inscription be added, he paid for it, his ancestors earned the right to be so eulogized.

Sent from my iPhone

Judy Mathat

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Placerville, CA 95667

"Life's not about waiting for storm's to pass...it's about learning to dance in the rain."

BJ Gallagher



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From: "Julie Leconte" <jsleconte@comcast.net>  
To: <kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
Date: 02/19/2010 10:13 AM  
Subject: Letter to BOS\_Soike Bench

Please THANK Supervisor Nutting for stepping up to be a voice of reason!!!! We need more public servants like him!! His letter regarding this matter was very moving and powerful.

I do not know Mr. Soike, but it is obvious that whomever he originally submitted his proposed inscription to was to worried about being politically correct rather than honoring this veteran's request. Why in the world did this issue get turned over to county counsel in the first place?? To think that his bench was held up for this long after he paid so much money! For shame.

Deputy County Counsel Ed Knapp is on the wrong side of a lot of issues! He needs to go. For example, he spoke out in favor of a raunchy book being available to be checked out by 10-year-olds at the Camino School Library about 5 or 6 years ago. This was chronicled in the Mountain Democrat and it, too, was shameful. At that time, I spoke out and Mr. Knapp accused me of trying to be "the moral police"...so now what is he? "The God Police"??

I will be in attendance at the BOS meeting on Tuesday, 2/23/10, to support Mr. Soike and Supervisor Nutting and I look forward to seeing our Constitution in action!

Thank you,  
Julie Leconte,  
Camino resident & proud mom of SPC Zachary Leconte, US Army Intelligence  
(1 tour in S. Korea & 1 tour in Afghanistan)



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**sabdab64@outdrs.net**

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Cc: "Tom McCaffrey" <tbmccaffrey@sbcglobal.net>  
Date: 02/19/2010 11:25 AM  
Subject: Fw: Letter to BOS\_Soike Bench

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Mr. Nutting,

We think your letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding this matter says it all and feel that Mr. Soike's inscription should be placed on his bench.

Dave & Stephanie Britton  
Somerset

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Tom McCaffrey  
**To:** Undisclosed-Recipient: ;@smtp110.sbc.mail.gq1.yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2010 8:23 AM  
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To: Ray Nutting <raynutting@hughes.net>, Kitty Miller <kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
Date: 02/19/2010 11:56 AM  
Subject: Tom Soike's quest

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Ray....Thanks for letting me know about this....I've attached my letter on Tom Soike's behalf for your review a if you want me to....Hope it helps....And, I hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday....

**R. J. "Cowboy" Carter**  
**Charter-Holder/President**  
**B.F.M.C. #121**  
**HANGTOWN CREW**



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To: Ray Nutting <raynutting@hughes.net>  
Cc: Ray Nutting <raynutting@hughes.net>, Kitty Miller <kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
Date: 02/19/2010 12:16 PM  
Subject: Re: Letter to BOS\_Soike Bench

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With intelligence, research, historically revered sentiment and courage to uphold ALL points of view, your position permits ALL positios to be honored. This position does not prevent anyone from practicing their religiosity, including none at all.

Jeanne Harper

PS. Not honoring this position terrifies me and could be grounds for our departure from EDC. We have no desire to live in a God-stricken, God-barren, God-alienating government.

Sent from my iPhone

Jeanne Harper  
(530) 613-1332

On Feb 19, 2010, at 6:33 AM, "Ray Nutting" <[raynutting@hughes.net](mailto:raynutting@hughes.net)> wrote:

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**From:** Floyd Knapp <fhknapp@cwnet.com>  
**To:** kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
**Date:** 02/19/2010 12:43 PM  
**Subject:** Letter to BOS- Soike Bench

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Kitty and Ray:

I agree that the wording as submitted is inline with the Constitution. It does not advocate any particular religion nor does it damn any. There are no references to a particular religious practice of any type.

Here is the actual text from the Bill of Rights, first amendment:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Nowhere in the text do I find anything that precludes the Bench as proposed.

Ed reminds me of that lawyer joke: "How can you tell if a lawyer is lying? When his lips are moving."

Floyd Knapp



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To: kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
Date: 02/19/2010 12:44 PM  
Subject: Re: Letter to BOS\_Soike Bench

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Both Cindy and I agree that the bench inscription issue is important. Our thought is to allow the Soike poem on the bench.

Daryl has a stronger position; the Constitution does state Congress shall not establish a religion. The concept of practicing a faith in God is not restricted and shall not be impeded. The poem is a statement of faith not a religious statement. We have to return to the basis of the Constitution, not continually erode it.

Daryl & Cindy Sullivan  
Fair Play

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From: Ray Nutting <raynutting@hughes.net>  
To: Ray Nutting <raynutting@hughes.net>; Kitty Miller <kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
Sent: Fri, Feb 19, 2010 5:33 am  
Subject: FW: Letter to BOS\_Soike Bench

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Cc: Tom McCaffrey <tbmccaffrey@sbcglobal.net>  
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Mr. Nutting,

Get this done! Then, having exposed the selfish America-bashing people for what they are, let the world know that truth, decency and real American values CAN prevail if we insist on it.

Thank you for your efforts. Let me know how I can help Mr. Soike. Amador County will be there.

Best wishes,

Austin Ford, Jr  
20000 Leichester Ct  
Fiddletown, CA 95629  
209.245.6090  
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**From:** Tom McCaffrey <tbmccaffrey@sbcglobal.net>  
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**Sent:** Fri, February 19, 2010 8:23:19 AM  
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To: kmiller@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
Date: 02/19/2010 02:28 PM  
Subject: Letter to BOS - Soike Bench

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Ms. Miller -

I am not a resident of El Dorado County. However, I am a CA resident and a staunch troop and in excess of 30 hours each week as a volunteer for a nation wide organization whose mission is assist our wounded, ill and injured troops and veterans. I serve as a national officer as well as organization. I feel that those things give me a sharehold in this issue.

The issue of separation of church and state has no basis in this situation. The reference to G attempt, by any means, to establish a government sanctioned religion. Our country was founded freedom. Our forefathers established freedom of religion in America, being that people would religion. Freedom of religion is NOT freedom FROM religion.

In keeping with that thinking added to the fact that Mr. Soike paid for the bench, then his in posthaste. God bless our troops and veterans. God bless America.

Sincerely,

Kathy Landess

Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you: Jesus Christ and the American the other for your freedom.



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Date: 02/19/2010 02:35 PM  
Subject: Letter to the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Nutting and Ms. Miller,

In reading your letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding Mr. Soike's Bench, I applaud you. It is shocking to me Mr. Soike has been waiting over 5 years now for his inscription to be placed on the bench he purchased.

I am a very proud mother of a United States Marine Corp. Veteran and have lived in El Dorado County for over 20 years. My son grew up in El Dorado County and was a graduate of Ponderosa High School.

I am the liason in El Dorado County for the Northern CA Statewide Collaborative. Our Statewide Collaborative is a strong voice advocating for a wholistic compassionate continuum of services, treatment and care for our service members, veterans, families, care givers and care providers.

If I can get the time off on the 23rd, I will be in attendance of the meeting. Mr. Soike's statement is one that I believe ALL of our Veterans share. It is a bench at the Veteran's Memorial and a Veteran paid for it.

Thank you for helping a vet.

Sandra Longcor  
5121 Juanita Drive  
Shingle Springs, CA 95682  
530-409-7076 cell



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Dear Mr. McCaffrey,

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Ray Nutting's letter to me. I would like to share my thoughts on the subject of Tom Soike's poem and the subsequent discussions to held by the Board of Supervisors.

I commend Mr. Nutting on his eloquently written letter that supports his opinion that the inscription of Mr Soike's poem is appropriate to be inscribed upon a bench at the Veteran's Memorial. The fact that Mr. Nutting had to write a defense for what the Founding Fathers and the Constitution already have provided all Americans is disturbing, to say the least. If the Constitution declares that our Creator has granted us rights, if "In God we trust" is inscribed on our currency, if the Ten Commandments are posted on many of our government buildings and if all Presidents are sworn into office with their hand on the Bible along with many more inferences that our nation was founded on Judeo/Christian Principles; then tell me where did separation of Church and State come from? It is a man made contrivance that, I believe, is hurting our Nation more than helping. I ask myself this question; why is America in the turmoil and trouble it is in today? Why are we on the verge of destruction? Could

it be remotely related to the fact that some people desire, more than ever, the alienate us from a loving Creator who created the greatest Nation on the face of the Earth?

Ruth Graham, the wife of Reverend Billy Graham, was asked this question while being interviewed on a television talk show: "How can a 'loving' God allow so much horror and evil to be rampant in our country?". Her response was simple and to the point. "Well, I will tell you sir. God is a gentleman and He never goes where He is not invited."

Mr. Soike's faith in a God, who was with him throughout his service to our country, should not be denied! To do so, in my opinion, would be adding one more nail into the coffin at the funeral of a once great nation.

It is my earnest desire that we, as a people, would take heed to the words written in II Chronicles 7:14... "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and WILL HEAL THEIR LAND."

I appreciate the efforts of Mr. Nutting, more than you know, and sincerely hope that the Board of Supervisors will take heed to his position regarding Mr. Soike's kind expression of gratitude.

Sincerely,

Larry Thornhill

2311 Fieldstone Dr.

Placerville, California 95667

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