many people half their age, these two are always on the go. In recent years, they have traveled to Hawaii, England, Scotland, Florida, and their favorite destination, Las Vegas. In all of our days, we have rarely seen a Catholic woman like Irene with such a serious affliction of the religious lynching of a great president. Clinton. President. Clinton has gone further than he should have been asked to go in offering a public statement about his intimate personal life. In view of the fact that absolutely on one has charged that a national security issue is involved in this matter, all further government inquiries should be dropped. The nation has in no way been placed at risk. Certainly nothing took place which touched on bribery, treason, or high crimes and misdemeanors. For those who continue to expand their detailed probe and to pass judgment through the prism of their hypocritical Victorian values, we concede their right to wallow in their "Peyton Place" preoccupations. There is, however, a profound difference between crimes and sins. It is of utmost importance that we acknowledge and support the spirit of our Constitution which discourages the state from investigating private morality and affirms the right of every American, even the President, to separately negotiate his sins with his God.

MARTIN ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL EARNS HONOR

HON. MAC COLLINS
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my congratulations to the Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia, on the announcement of its third "Accreditation with Commendation" by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, an honor bestowed upon only the finest hospitals in the nation. It is also the only hospital in the U.S. Army Medical Command to receive this acknowledgment for three consecutive triennial surveys. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) was named in honor of Major General Joseph I. Martin, MC, a pioneer in field medicine and medical military education and training. The hospital has served the Fort Benning/Columbus community since 1955, and provides quality care to approximately 9,000 inpatients and 585,000 outpatients. MACH’s principal customers are active duty and retired members and their dependents who are eligible beneficiaries for DOD health services. Receiving “Accreditation with Commendation” is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance and commitment to providing quality care. Fort Benning is fortunate to have as incredible a facility as MACH serving its community. I congratulate Martin Army Community Hospital on its continued excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK RIGGS
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House of Representatives on Monday, Oc-tober 5, 1998 and Tuesday, October 6, 1998 and consequently missed several votes. Had I been present, the following is how I would have voted:


CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA’S NATIONAL DAY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Republic of China’s National Day,