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WASHINGTON DC - On Saturday, November 17, Congressman Mike Honda (CA-15) joined Santa Clara University in hosting a reception for Olympians from the Bay Area. Over 60 guests attended the reception to celebrate and honor local athletes who competed in this summer's London games.

Among the attendees were the judo bronze medalist Marti Malloy and Paralympian Kelly Crowley who received two bronze medals in cycling from London and two gold medals in swimming from the Athens games. Joining Malloy and Crowley was the entire Bay Area delegation for the U.S. Table Tennis team -- Ariel Hsing, Lily Zhang, and Timothy Wang -- all of whom train at the India Community Center in Milpitas.

Rep. Mike Honda, who organized the event, hailed the athletes, saying, "these Olympians have done a wonderful job representing our country and I am so proud to have the opportunity to meet them and honor their achievements. Their accomplishments are an inspiration to all Americans." Former Olympian and local soccer hero Brandi Chastain also attended.