

“New York State’s passage of historic legislation permitting gay marriage last night shows once again that while the arc of the moral universe is long, it bends towards justice. After yesterday’s news, it is fitting to remember that the modern struggle for LGBT rights began in New York in 1969 when customers at the Stonewall Inn protested against police raids and harassment of LGBT patrons. Today represents a monumental step forward in that struggle, not only for those in New York, but also for our nation as a whole. As a long-time supporter of equal rights in Congress, today is an opportunity to reflect and reaffirm that I will continue my struggle for equality in our home state of California and federally through legislation such my Reuniting Families Act (RFA) bill that eliminates discriminatory practices in immigration.”