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NCVA Mourns the Passing of Jeanne Honda

The National Congress of Vietnamese Americans mourns the passing of Jeanne Honda, wife of Congressman Mike Honda, D-Campbell.

We express our condolences and sympathies to Congressman Mike Honda, their daughter Michelle Honda Phillips, son Mark Honda, and family members.

Jeanne Yoshida Honda died on Saturday of ovarian cancer at the age of 61. Jeanne was a teacher at Baldwin Elementary School in San José, California. She was born in Hiroshima, Japan and moved with her family to Lodi, California when she was 11. She later moved to San Mateo. Many of her relatives were survivors of the devastating atomic blast that struck Hiroshima in 1945.

Jeanne Honda was selfless and supportive of Congressman Mike Honda's years of public service in the San José Unified school board, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, California Assembly and Congress. He is up for re-election in November 2004. As a public official, Mike Honda represents one of the largest Vietnamese American communities in the United States.

Jeanne Yoshida Honda was a dedicated mother and schoolteacher.

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