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Congressional World Series wager promises tribute to Cowboy Gene Autry WASHINGTON — Though normally seated on opposite sides of the aisle in the House of Representatives, Reps. Loretta Sanchez (D) and Christopher Cox (R) have put politics aside today to challenge Reps. Nancy Pelosi (D) and Tom Lantos (D) to a bet on the upcoming all-California World Series between the Anaheim Angels and San Francisco Giants.

The Orange County legislators are wagering a trip to the Disneyland Resort against a case of Napa Valley wine and signature San Francisco Ghiradelli Chocolate.

In a strategically confident move, Rep. Cox upped the ante by offering to sing “I Left My Heart in San Francisco,” while wearing a tie-dye shirt and flowers in his hair. Sanchez agreed to join him.

In exchange, Rep. Lantos must sing “Back in the Saddle Again,” in honor of the team’s former owner, cowboy legend Gene Autry. Lantos will sport a cowboy hat, holsters and pistols. Minority Whip Pelosi will accompany him in his serenade.

After watching the Angels’ speedy shutdown of the Minnesota Twins during the American League Championship Series, Sanchez has her game face on: “I don’t own a tie-dye shirt and I don’t plan on wearing one,” she said, “but I think Mr. Lantos will look marvelous in that 10-gallon hat.”