

raise some money for that election, made many phone calls, and reached out to me as a friend. So when I came to Washington, I had the opportunity to meet him personally. That was the beginning of the development of a real friendship.

I have traveled with TOM LANTOS overseas. He led delegations. When I was a new Senator, I traveled with him. Senator Daschle led a trip. One of the places we went was to Hungary, and we had the opportunity to have TOM LANTOS show us around Budapest. Why was that important? It was important because the Nazis waited until toward the end of the war before they moved in to disperse the Jews out of Budapest and Hungary generally.

He was one of the Jews in Budapest they captured on many occasions. He escaped the Nazis on seven different occasions. They would capture him; he would get away. He said one reason he was able to escape as much as he did was that he had long blond hair, and the Nazis didn't figure he was Hungarian. He actually took us to places where he had been captured, arrested by the Nazis in Budapest. It was a wonderful time we spent with him for 2 days in Budapest.

This morning, our country grieves the loss of truly an American hero, Congressman TOM LANTOS, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives. He was born in Budapest, Hungary. When he was 16 years of age, Hitler and the Nazis occupied his country. He and his family, like so many other Hungarian Jews, were captured, rounded up, beaten, and taken away, sent to labor camps. As I have indicated, he was a hard one to stay captured; he got away.

It was through him I first learned about the struggles that people have on a personal, individual basis. He was a man who protected his girlfriend, his friend Annette at the time. They were both saved by the great Swedish diplomat after whom we have streets named in Washington, DC. He was able to escape many times but not his family. All of them were killed.

All alone, a teenager, with little cause for hope, after the war, he moved through displaced persons camps. TOM LANTOS remained optimistic. He refused to give up. He spent a couple years wandering around Europe after the war.

He wrote an essay on President Franklin Roosevelt, and because of this essay, he earned an academic scholarship to study in the United States. He came on a converted World War II troop ship in 1947. He brought with him only one possession. It was a large Hungarian salami, but when he arrived, it was confiscated by Customs officials. So it is neither a cliché nor an exaggeration to say that TOM LANTOS came to America with nothing.

This "American by choice," as he was fond of calling himself, earned a BA and a master's degree from the University of Washington-Seattle and a

Ph.D. from the University of California. Soon after he arrived here, he married his childhood sweetheart, Annette Lantos.

For the next three decades, he and Annette lived in the San Francisco area. TOM worked as a professor in economics, an international affairs analyst, and an economist in many different areas, testifying in cases, consulting generally. In less than three decades after becoming a U.S. citizen, TOM LANTOS became a Congressman. He brought to Washington remarkable depth of knowledge and intellect and stood out as a powerhouse from the day he arrived in Washington.

As I indicated, I had the honor of serving with him in Congress, but I also served with him on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as it was then called, and, as everyone else, I found him blessed with the mind of a scholar and grace of a gentleman. TOM LANTOS could deliver a speech. He still had the Hungarian accent, but he could bring an audience to its feet. He was a great speaker.

I can recall no one in Congress who did not admire this fine man. He and Annette were always there to talk about their lives together as kids, teenagers. They had been together 60, 70 years. Raoul Wallenberg was the Swedish diplomat. Because of TOM LANTOS, there is a street named after him in Washington, DC, right by the Holocaust Memorial.

I can recall no one, Democrat or Republican, who didn't relish the opportunity to work with him. Once TOM LANTOS said:

I like to work hard to make this a better country, to provide a just government for our people and make sure we have learned from the past.

TOM LANTOS did just that—leaving an indelible mark on issue after issue from health care, Social Security, to the environment, the budget, foreign affairs, of course, but also was his love of animals. He had a caucus in the Congress he worked on dealing only with animals. He loved animals and wanted to make sure they were treated appropriately.

He cochaired the congressional human rights caucus where he fiercely advocated the spread of liberty throughout the world. His convictions were so deeply rooted that he and four other Members of Congress were arrested in 2006 for protesting the genocide in Darfur at the Sudanese Embassy.

After years in the minority, Congressman LANTOS finally achieved his dream of chairing the House Foreign Affairs Committee, but it lasted only one year. He was diagnosed being sick right before Christmas, the first knowledge he had esophageal cancer, and he passed away within the last 24 hours.

We were all deeply saddened to hear he was sick. I was stunned when I learned he was so sick he would retire to fight cancer. The fight did not last long.

I talked today with HOWARD BERMAN, who will replace him as chair of that committee. He told me he visited TOM in Washington at his house. He said he handled his oncoming death the way he handled so many things: with great dignity and understanding.

TOM leaves behind a great family. He has two daughters, Annette, the same name as his wife, and Katrina. These are two beautiful women, as beautiful on the inside as they are on the outside. These 2 daughters gave TOM and Annette 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He doted on those grandchildren. A number of us here had him contact us for things dealing with his grandchildren, making sure they got in the school they were supposed to, jobs he wanted them to get. He cared about every one of those 17 grandchildren.

Landra and I have 16 grandchildren, but we have 5 children. He had 2 daughters with 17 grandchildren.

The Lantos family is truly in our hearts today. TOM said once:

It is only in the United States that a penniless survivor of the Holocaust and a fighter in the anti-Nazi underground could have received an education, raised a family, and had the privilege of serving the last three decades of his life as a Member of Congress. I will never be able to express fully my profoundly felt gratitude to this country.

That is what TOM LANTOS said and he meant every word of it. He benefited from the limitless opportunity America affords, but America benefited far more from the service of Congressman TOM LANTOS.

So today we pause to express our profound affection and appreciation and gratitude for this wonderful man. Congressman TOM LANTOS was a great American. His spirit will be sorely missed and his legacy never forgotten.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we have a very busy week ahead. We are going to finish, as I have indicated, the debate on FISA tonight. We will have a series of votes. We have about seven or eight votes we have to complete tomorrow. We have postcloture debate tomorrow. We need to finish this bill tomorrow, and we will finish it tomorrow. We will complete it.

We are going to take a run at the Indian health bill. I spoke with Senator DORGAN this morning. He said he has had a good working relationship with JON KYL and they are very close to being able to finish this bill.

We are going to bring up the conference report on intelligence authorization this week. The legislation contains an important provision that would ensure one standard of interrogation across the U.S. Government requiring the CIA to abide by the Army Field Manual dealing with interrogation techniques.

That matter has, it appears, a 60-vote point of order against it. We understand that. I hope we don't have to file

cloture on it. I recognize we have that one vote, and I am happy to arrange a convenient time for everyone to vote. We could move that very quickly, but it is important we do this work.

We have other things we are looking forward to. I am going to meet with the Republican leader as soon as we finish here to talk about other things we can do so we can be keyed up to work when we come back. We have 3 weeks when we come back after the Presidents Day recess. The last week of that work period we will be dealing with the budget. After that, we are out for the recess for Easter. Then we come back and have an 8-week work period. So we have a lot to do. We think we can do all that, plus more.

It is going to be a short but very issue-packed time this year. We have the Presidential elections that are winding down, at least the nomination process, and then we have all the senatorial elections around the country that also take a little extra time. Hopefully, we can join together and get some things done.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader.

#### LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, last week was a good example of what we can accomplish when we work with instead of against each other. We were able to pass an economic growth package on an overwhelmingly bipartisan basis, which the President will sign this week. We have another chance in the current week to put up a bipartisan win by passing legislation on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. That bill, reported out of the Intelligence Committee, has broad bipartisan support. It came out of that committee 13 to 2. I am confident with the help of our friends on the other side of the aisle we can work through pending amendments, send this over to the House, and then on to the President for his signature this week before the Protect America Act expires on Saturday.

#### TRIBUTE TO TOM LANTOS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, on another subject, I, too, want to talk about the passing of our good friend, TOM LANTOS. It would have been easy to excuse TOM LANTOS for turning against the world after the sufferings he endured as a young man. But the reason we admire certain people is they do not do what we would expect them to do in the face of extraordinary trials. They transcend them. And that is why a cold wind swept through the Capitol this morning when we heard that TOM had passed away.

America's history is a history of unlikely success stories, but even by

American standards, TOM's was stunning. When the Nazis invaded Hungary in the frenzied last months of the war, he threw on a cadet's uniform and secretly funneled food and medical supplies to those in hiding. He later said he assumed he wouldn't make it out alive, but he "wanted to be of some use."

He would add many more years to be of use—not only to his beloved wife Annette and their large extended family or to the people of California's 12th District but to suffering and oppressed people. His own bitter experiences led him to make no distinction at all among those who were denied their basic human rights. He would always be grateful for the honor of being able to help them. Well into his seventies, he said he still got goosebumps looking up at the flag on the Capitol on his morning walk to work.

TOM and I had our differences on domestic issues, but it was a great mark of his commitment to human rights that he frequently joined Republicans when these rights were at stake. He worked with the Republicans to introduce a resolution expressing solidarity with Israel in its fight against terrorism. He worked with the Republicans to get funds to fight AIDS around the world. Every year since 2003, he and I were the House and Senate sponsors of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act.

We were also united in our strong support for Israel. We took leading roles in the House and Senate on the Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act. And we were united in our concerns about Iran. TOM introduced the Iran Counterproliferation Act in the House. I cosponsored it in the Senate.

When TOM was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness last month, he responded again in an extraordinary way. He responded with gratitude. He said:

It is only in the United States that a penniless survivor of the Holocaust and a fighter in the anti-Nazi underground could have received an education, raised a family, and had the privilege of serving the last three decades of his life as a Member of Congress.

We know TOM's decision to retire was especially painful, since he had just last year been named chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, a committee he had served on for 26 years. It was a position he said he had been preparing for his whole life.

With his distinctive accent, his grace, and his deep learning—he spoke five languages and devoted 6 hours a day to reading books and magazines—TOM always gave the impression of being a true gentleman of the House, and he was. But he was just as tough. TOM LANTOS accomplished something few people do in life: he committed himself to an ideal and followed through on it until the end. He gave it everything he had, and America admires him for it.

I want to express Elaine's and my deepest sympathies to Annette. We got

to know TOM and Annette on several trips abroad, which is a way you make friendships around here, both across the aisle and in the other body. Annette and TOM lived near us here on Capitol Hill. I recall frequently seeing Annette out walking the dog. So we grieve for her and their daughters and the entire extended Lantos family on their loss.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I want to spend a few moments to eulogize our old friend, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, TOM LANTOS. He has been one of my dear friends all these years. I have been here 31 years, and he was here 26 years. He and Annette have really been wonderful people in Elaine's and my life.

Mr. President, this morning began sadly, as the two leaders have said, with the news of the death of Congressman TOM LANTOS, one of the giants among the Democrats in the House, and, frankly, among all Members of Congress during the last 28 years. Congressman LANTOS had been diagnosed with cancer a few months ago, and had recently announced he would not run for a 14th term for the 12th District of California, which he so ably served since 1980.

TOM LANTOS led a remarkable life. A Hungarian Jew, he lived what he said was a happy childhood until the Hungarian fascist allies of Hitler brought the Holocaust to Hungary. Through most of the war, he was interned in various forced labor camps, some from which he escaped, and was at least once recaptured, following a beating that he later said, "I was pleasantly surprised to survive."

After a final escape, he spent the remainder of the war in hiding, protected, as so many Hungarian Jews were, by Raoul Wallenberg, the man who risked his life to protect as many of Hungary's Jews as he could and who vanished into the Soviet camps at the end of the war. One of the great days of my life was to pay homage to Raoul Wallenberg at the monument in Europe.

Six hundred thousand Hungarian Jews perished in the Holocaust, including TOM LANTOS's family. One of the first initiatives of Congressman LANTOS upon coming to the House of Representatives in 1980 was to pass legislation granting Raoul Wallenberg U.S. citizenship.

TOM LANTOS was, in his words, "an American by choice," and to know him was to see that every day of his life he embraced the opportunities an immigrant can find in this great country. He arrived penniless to this country, as my two colleagues have said. According to his biography, his only possession was "a precious Hungarian salami," which was confiscated upon arrival, as my colleagues mentioned. But with a scholarship and hard work, he earned a Ph.D. in economics and