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WINTER 2009

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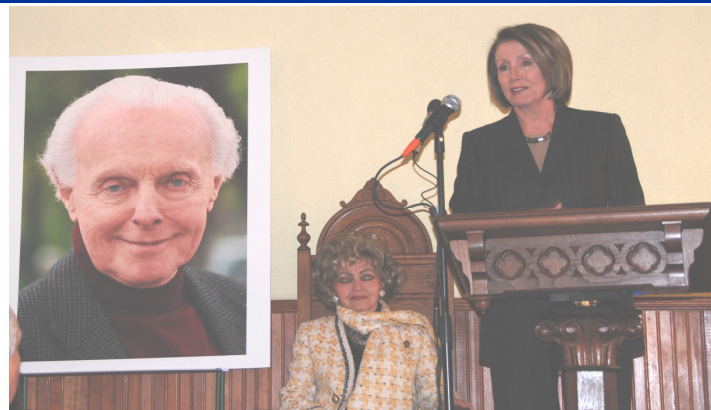
MEMORIAL GATHERING — CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY, WASHINGTON, DC

On February 1, 2009, the birthday of Congressman Tom Lantos, 200 people gathered to celebrate his life and advance the work of the Lantos Foundation.

Ambassador Martin Indyk stated that Tom was a fierce opponent of tyranny, a defender of those who could not defend themselves, and a lifelong fighter against anti-Semitism.



Rebiya Kadeer *"Tom Lantos is a voice for all oppressed people who live in the dark corners of the world...I would have been dead without his support."*



Speaker Nancy Pelosi *"Nobody spoke truth to power better than Tom Lantos, and the response was always enormous respect."*



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, on Super Bowl Sunday, calling for one more standing ovation for a "Super" man.

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MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR MISSION

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The establishment of the **Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission** as a permanent part of the U.S. Congress to carry on Tom's legislative work (Sept. 2008)

Honored by Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the United Nations on the occasion of the Global Compassion Ball (Oct. 2008)

Recipient of the Leo Nevas Human Rights Award at the United Nations (Dec. 2008)

Lantos Foundation Front-Line Fund has awarded thousands of dollars in grants for human rights work and humanitarian relief across the globe from China to former Soviet Republics (2008-2009)

2009 Funding for the Tom Lantos International Studies Scholarship announced and first recipient selected and awarded scholarship funds (Oct. 2008)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Washington, DC Congressional exhibit co-sponsored with the **Hungarian American Coalition (HAC)** to honor diplomatic hero of the holocaust, Carl Lutz, who like Raoul Wallenberg acted to rescue thousands of innocent Jews in wartime Budapest (March 2009)

First Lantos Congressional Fellows anticipated to start internships on Capitol Hill (Fall 2009)

Launching of an annual distinguished Lantos Lecture series in conjunction with the Center for European Policy Analysis (Fall 2009)

Hungarian American Coalition's Annual Gala honoring human rights leaders to be held at the National Museum for Women in the Arts, Washington, DC (April 2009)

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The Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice was founded to further the work of Tom Lantos the only survivor of the Holocaust to be elected to the U.S. Congress. As the distinguished Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Co-Founder of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus he worked tirelessly to advance the role of human rights and justice in American foreign policy.

Our mission is to strengthen the role of human rights in American foreign policy and to be a vital voice standing up for our nation's most important values of decency, dignity, freedom, and justice in every corner of the world. We intend to both educate and advocate on behalf of the simple yet profound truth that we are indeed our brothers' keepers — everyone of us and everyone of them. In so doing we hope to carry on Congressman Lantos' remarkable legacy of service to humanity.

Continuing the Work
Carrying on the Legacy

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