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## ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM MOURNS PASSING OF REP. TOM LANTOS

Skokie, IL— The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center mourns the passing of Representative Tom Lantos, the only Holocaust survivor to serve in Congress.

Board President Samuel R. Harris and Executive Director Richard S. Hirschhaut released the following statement:

“Tom Lantos was a courageous and tireless advocate for human rights around the globe. Representative Lantos brought a moral clarity and urgency to his work in Congress, an imperative for justice forged by his experiences during the Holocaust. For survivors of the Holocaust living in the United States, and all Americans who cherish the values of freedom and democracy, he stood as a heroic voice of conscience. May his legacy of service inspire future generations to carry on his lifelong pursuit of a more just world.”

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