

CONGRESSMAN LANTOS SPEAKS ON IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT NH SUPREME COURT

CONCORD, NH – California Congressman Tom Lantos delivered the John W. King Lecture at NH Supreme Court on October 24 to an audience of 120 political leaders, legal professionals, human rights advocates and community members. Lantos is the co-chairman of the bi-partisan Congressional Human Rights Caucus and ranking Democrat on the House International Relations Committee. Justices Broderick and Nadeau, and Paul Chant, chair of the Bar Foundation, made opening remarks. All the Supreme Court Justices were in attendance along with Dick Swett and his wife, Katrina, Lantos' daughter. The King Lecture Series was established by the Supreme Court to provide a forum in New Hampshire to discuss contemporary legal topics. The Series is co-sponsored by the NH Bar Foundation's Advancement of Justice and Richard P. Dunfey Funds.

Congressman Lantos is the only Holocaust survivor ever elected to the United States Congress. During the Nazi occupation in Hungary, 16 year-old Lantos' family was killed and he was sent to a forced labor camp from which he escaped, twice. He credits Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat and humanitarian, for helping him along with thousands of others, live through the Holocaust. Lantos' lecture, "Human Rights: America's Legacy in International Relations" highlighted the importance of unrelenting discourse with world leaders regarding their human rights records.

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