

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 1302

Honoring the life and mourning the death of John Berthoud, Ph.D.

---

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2008

Mr. TANNER (for himself and Mr. SHADEGG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

---

## RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and mourning the death of John Berthoud,  
Ph.D.

Whereas John Berthoud, Ph.D., devoted his life to the field of public policy and the arena of politics, having taken an interest in both since he was a child;

Whereas John Berthoud made important contributions to the scholarship of fiscal affairs while earning his doctorate degree in political economy at Yale University;

Whereas John Berthoud ably continued to serve the academic community as an adjunct lecturer at the George Washington University, teaching graduate-level courses that inspired hundreds of young people to pursue careers in budgetary policy and politics;

Whereas John Berthoud made vast contributions to the public debate over the proper role of government in our soci-

ety, through his leadership role at the Alexis de Tocqueville Institution;

Whereas John Berthoud was a vital and active advocate for fiscal discipline at the State level, having served as legislative director for Tax and Fiscal Policy with the American Legislative Exchange Council;

Whereas John Berthoud was considered a true opinion leader among his peers, serving on the Board of the American Conservative Union and as Contributing Editor to Human Events;

Whereas John Berthoud was an irreplaceable force in the formation of taxpayer groups abroad, through his travels to dozens of countries and as treasurer and vice president for the World Taxpayers Associations;

Whereas John Berthoud's leadership as president of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU) and National Taxpayers Union Foundation (NTUF) for the past decade immeasurably advanced the cause of accountable government;

Whereas John Berthoud's selfless and countless personal sacrifices on behalf of the entire staff of the NTU and NTUF earned the respect and devotion of his colleagues, who in turn renewed their dedication to NTU and NTUF; and

Whereas John Berthoud's untimely passing at the age of 45 has resulted in an outpouring of condolences as well as fond remembrances from hundreds of members of the political and public policy community: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) recognizes that fair and effective tax policy  
2 is one of the fundamental duties of this House of  
3 Representatives;

4           (2) recognizes John Berthoud's leadership in  
5 the formation of tax policy at the academic, judicial,  
6 and political levels;

7           (3) recognizes John Berthoud's work on impor-  
8 tant public policy issues, such as tax reform and eco-  
9 nomic growth;

10          (4) mourns the tragically short, but truly rich,  
11 life of John Berthoud, a friend, mentor, colleague,  
12 and tireless warrior on behalf of taxpayers;

13          (5) offers condolences to John Berthoud's fam-  
14 ily and friends; and

15          (6) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
16 atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution  
17 tot he family of John Berthoud.

○