

Mark O. Hatfield

Over the course of a political career spanning five decades, Republican Senator Mark Hatfield has distinguished himself as a leading voice for human rights, nuclear disarmament, and the peaceful resolution of international conflicts. He has also been a powerful advocate for domestic social and health issues.

After serving in both the House and Senate of the Oregon State legislature, Hatfield became the youngest Secretary of State in Oregon history in 1956, at the age of 34. He was elected Governor of Oregon in 1958 and became the state's first two-term governor in the twentieth century when he was re-elected in 1962. In 1966, he was elected to the United States Senate as an outspoken critic of the war in Vietnam. He consistently opposed increases in military spending and United States military involvement abroad while focusing on improving health, education, and social services programs. In his more than 46 years of political service, Hatfield never lost an election.

Hatfield retired from the Senate in January, 1997, after serving the people of Oregon and the Nation for 30 years. In retirement he has returned to his roots, serving as adjunct professor at Willamette University, Portland State University, Lewis and Clark College, and George Fox University. He has continued his commitment to biomedical research as chairman of Funding First, a funding initiative associated with The Albert and Mary Woodard Lasker Foundation of New York through 2001, and he is a senior advisor for the Campaign for Medical Research. Hatfield was appointed by President Clinton to the National Institutes of Health National Advisory Council on Aging and served from 1998 to 2001. Currently, he serves on several boards including: Oregon Health and Science University, and he chairs the Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Northwest Health Foundation boards. In addition, he is a member of several private enterprise boards and advisory committees, including Lattice Semiconductor, AM Logic, Xyron Semiconductor and Endeavour Capital and a member of the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C.

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