

Honoring the 70th Birthday of Elsa Greenberg

Congressman Hastings honored Ms. Elsa Greenberg on her 70th birthday by giving the following speech on April 27, 2006.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elsa Greenberg on the occasion of her 70th birthday. Elsa was born April 25, 1936, in Providence, Rhode Island, six minutes after her twin sister Saralee. Elsa grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts and Portland, Maine, and when she was 13, she moved to Miami, Florida."

"Elsa studied at the Universities of Alabama and Miami, where she learned to dance; she studied education and social psychology. She was married in 1956 to Mel Greenberg, who later founded the Miami-based Greenberg Traurig law firm in 1967."

"A devoted wife for 38 years and mother of three children, Dianne, Carol, and Michael; Elsa was widely-known in South Florida as a thoughtful and gracious hostess, and, with Mel, a generous philanthropist and engaged citizen. She was for many years an avid classical music and tennis fan, a political devotee, a gourmet cook, and even picked up the art of macrobiotic cooking after Mel was diagnosed with cancer."

"Elsa now devotes herself primarily to her family. Invariably, she can be found with her children, their spouses, Steve, Mark, and Maria and her grandchildren. Elsa continues to be a refined hostess, now passing on her secrets to her family. She has also taken up knitting, amazing her family and friends with her impressive mastery of the craft. Elsa Greenberg continues to be a strong political enthusiast and is, in short, a patriotic citizen, the kind of constituent we all want in our districts."

"For her commitment to her family, to her community, and to her nation, it is my privilege to wish Elsa Greenberg a very happy 70th birthday."

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