

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE
OF ALLISON ENDERT

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tragically shortened life of Allison Endert, who died on June 15, 2020, while taking an afternoon walk in Seabright, California.

Allison was born in Eureka, California, in 1977. She graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she developed a deep love and respect for the beautiful Santa Cruz area, its mountains, its ocean and the spirit of its people.

Allison was a true public servant. At the time of her death she was an analyst on the staff of Santa Cruz County Supervisor Ryan Coonerty. Prior to that she served as an analyst for then County Supervisor Neal Coonerty,

and as Assemblyman John Laird's District Director. She used her exceptional talents as effective vehicles to make a difference in the lives of people. She was justly proud of helping to establish the Nurse-Family Partnership, which connects first-time mothers to nurses to ease the transition to parenthood, and of being a key partner in the Twin Lakes Beach Project. She loved Hawaii, music concerts, being an ardent supporter of her daughters' schools, and her great delight was watching them play sports.

The people who knew and loved Allison have expressed their feelings about her in many loving words. They say that she had moral clarity and was incredibly talented. She had a passion for public service and always tried to find ways to make lives better. She was a bright light who was always committed, friendly, caring, and loyal, and radiated compassion. She was a great listener with a deep commitment to social justice. She held herself and others to very high standards, she did

what she said she would do, and always did it well. She adored her family and they came first in her life.

Allison's dear friend and mine, Les Gardner, said of Allison, "She was pure of heart. The most incredibly kind and principled young woman I have ever met. Life did not change her. When she died she was the same kind, young principled girl I knew so many years ago. A testament to her life is how many people she touched and are now mourning her loss."

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Allison Endert's partner, Andy Tatum, and her two daughters, Molly Endert-Tatum and Lucy Endert-Tatum. She also leaves her mother, Kathy Huntley, two stepfathers, two brothers and a sister. Our community and our country have lost a shining star, one who contributed greatly and would have done even more, had she been given the time.