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Tribute to Dr. Lee Hartwell
Congressman Brian Baird
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I am proud to rise today and pay tribute to one of Washington state's leading citizens, Dr. Lee Hartwell.

I join my colleagues in honoring Dr. Hartwell for winning the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. This award is recognized as the world's most distinguished honor for those involved in basic and clinical research.

During his more than thirty years involved in groundbreaking research studying cell division, Dr. Hartwell has won numerous awards including, the Massry Prize, the American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor Basic Research Award, the General Motors Sloan Award, the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Prize, the Leopold Griffuel Prize and the Gardiner Foundation International Award for Achievements in Science.

Most of Dr. Hartwell's pioneering research has been conducted at the University of Washington. He began his service with the university in 1968 and has been a professor of genetics since 1973. Twenty-three years later, Dr. Hartwell joined the faculty of the Hutchinson Center, and in 1997, became its president and director.

Since its doors opened in 1975, the research undertaken by the Hutchinson Center has given hope and extended life for thousands of people.

I know firsthand the importance of the work done at this amazing facility. My cousin is alive and well today because of their invaluable cancer research. As a citizen of Washington, I am proud of their endeavors. As a member of the Baird family, I am eternally grateful.

I am pleased that the Nobel Committee has recognized the contributions of Dr. Lee Hartwell. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his life's work.