

Tribute to Mr. Jean-Marie Fox
Palais Provincial
Place Léopold, 1
Arlon
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Mr. Bernard Caprasse, Governor of the Province of Luxembourg
Mr. Jean-Marie Fox
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honor for me to be here today, along with my friend and founder of the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation, Mr. Baruch Tenenbaum, to pay tribute to the life and deeds of Mr. Jean-Marie Fox, a guiding example that teaches us that one man can make a difference, even in the most stressing and dangerous situations.

I take this opportunity to underline here the courage of Mr. Fox, a singular individual who remained unflinchingly on the side of the truth and of the most egregious values that mankind has produced in order to stretch a caring hand to persecuted people, sharing with them their struggle, their passion and their tragedy.

The feat accomplished by Mr. Jean-Marie Fox is already an indelible mark on the records of history because his behavior is rooted in the enduring values of solidarity and civic courage.

The main focus of the Wallenberg Foundation is educational, trying to instill the humanitarian mission of Raoul Wallenberg and his likes in the hearts and minds of the young generations.

This year, as we celebrate the centenary of Wallenberg's birth, we have multiplied our activities and we also launched a significant pecuniary reward for scientifically verifiable information that could lead us to unveil the fate of the Swedish hero who, as you know, went missing in 1945 after being abducted by the Soviet Army.

Belgium has its share of saviors. More than 1.600 individuals have been honored with the title "Righteous among the Nations", and our Foundation strives to unveil the courageous stories of many others.

I extend my appreciation to our host today, Governor Bernard Caprasse, and to all the members of the beautiful city of Arlon that gave us a warm and lovely welcome.

I would like to close my words with a line produced by Winston Churchill: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

Thank you very much for your kind attention.