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What makes a good public servant? The individual accomplishments of a successful career or popularity amongst one's constituents? Mark Hatfield would perhaps have considered neither the gold standard of public service. Instead, he would ask, "What have you done?"

Throughout his career, Mark Hatfield maintained a balanced political philosophy without needing to compromise his personal identity. As governor, his core focus was to protect, nurture, and realize the potential he saw for the State of Oregon. Although he was sometimes thought of as a maverick among his peers, he nevertheless built strong personal bonds across political boundaries and cultivated a reputation for intellectual integrity. Moreover, he remained faithfully loyal to his constituents and always worked to evenly represent the myriad of interests and groups he had a duty to serve. Mark Hatfield also valued the role of scientific and medical research in helping find solutions to complex civic challenges, and consistently delivered consensus on numerous policies intended to serve the many institutions of Oregon in his capacity as the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

On January 14, 1963, Sen. Hatfield closed his second inaugural address to the fifty-second Oregon Legislative Assembly with a seemingly prescient remark about the greatest threat to realizing the State of Oregon's potential. To hesitate to move bravely, fall prey to polarizing partisanship, or relegate oneself to the rhetoric of domineering personalities. To the same end, he asserted the importance of deliberate scrutiny of policies to help separate them from the identities of the political actors endorsing them.

Mark Hatfield is unimpeachable in the standard he set for public service. Consequently, the *Hatfield Graduate Journal of Public Affairs* strives to exemplify Sen. Hatfield's core doctrines by engaging in scholarly scrutiny to identify the most crucial challenges plaguing the community today and, perhaps more importantly, facilitating a substantive discourse to collectively discover feasible and actionable strategies that enable us to address these issues head on.

Sincerely,

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