and across America, yet remains forever connected to its ancient cultural and historical traditions that spiral back throughout the centuries, connecting the old world to the new, spanning oceans and borders in the ageless quest for peace—from Vietnam to America.

HONORING TIMOTHY EGAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN JOURNALISM

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Timothy Egan today because I, and countless other readers, have learned so much from his first-rate reporting and his terrific books. In well-deserved acknowledgement of Mr. Egan's ongoing contributions to our civic discourse and public understanding, the Rainier Club, one of Seattle's oldest urban institutions, has named Mr. Egan its ''Artist Laureate for 2011.''

Many in this chamber will recognize Mr. Egan's byline as the Northwest Correspondent of The New York Times. He is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist whose insightful reporting and opinion pieces exemplify outstanding journalism. Even more remarkably, Mr. Egan's talents, and achievements, are not limited to newspaper reporting. Hardly. His six successful books include five works of non-fiction (The Good Rain, Breaking Blue, Lasso the Wind, The Worst Hard Time, and The Big Burn) as well as a novel (The Winemaker's Daughter).

Mr. Egan's books are great reads—his subjects range from the distinctive qualities of the Northwest region and an unsolved Spokane murder case to the powerful mythology of the American West and most recently, an early twentieth century wildfire that triggered permanent and far-reaching changes in land management policy and attitude. In 2006, Mr. Egan published perhaps his best-known book, The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dustbowl, for which he received the National Book Award. This is a powerful account of a truly critical episode in our country's history. Mr. Egan details the almost incomprehensible hardships endured by those American families who fought to survive the Dust Bowl of the Thirties, and in so doing, he brings his subjects and their circumstances fully to life.

His newest book, The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America, recounts the story of the devastating 1910 wildfire in the Rocky Mountain high country that claimed nearly 100 lives and changed forever our commitment to protect our public lands and their precious resources. His research is painstaking, and his commitment to the story unfaltering. Through his lens, we better understand ourselves and our relationship to the natural world.

In addition to the Pulitzer Prize for outstanding newspaper reporting and the National Book Award, Mr. Egan has twice received the Washington State Book Award and the Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Award.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the honoring of Tim Egan's lifetime achievements, the Rainier Club celebrates a son of Seattle who has reached millions with words of purpose and meaning. I extend to him my congratulations and my appreciation. Thank you.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF PERRIS ON THEIR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Perris, California and congratulate them on the occasion of their Centennial Celebration for 100 years of cityhood.

This unique farming town has grown remarkably over the past century. Founded in 1911 in Riverside County, the City of Perris has flourished as a vibrant and growing community that is rich with culture and history. With fewer than 500 people in the early 1900s, today it is home to more than 50,000 Californians and growing.

Perris was built at the connector of The California Southern Railroad which ran from Barstow to San Diego. Perris has taken great pride in maintaining its heritage by renovating and reopening the Santa Fe railway station in 2009 as home to the Orange Empire Railway Museum building. Its city has also become an internationally recognized epicenter for world class skydivers to test the limits of their sport. Lake Perris is a natural wonderland where people celebrate a national icon through the Bald Eagle Count Project.

I commend the City's history of leaders and am honored to represent this community. As they gather to honor the past, celebrate the present and embrace the future, I applaud the City of Perris and its renowned heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House recognize the City of Perris on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration.

HONORING ALVIN J. APPOLD

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alvin J. Appold, retiring after 18 years as the Clerk of Frankenlust Township, Michigan. The township will hold a celebration this evening in his honor at the Township Hall.

Alvin Appold is a lifelong resident of Frankenlust Township. He served as the Township Clerk from 1984–1992 and 2000–2011. Prior to assuming the Clerk's duties, Alvin worked in the construction trade, as a farmer, and as an appraiser. He is an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church singing in the choir and working as a Sunday Greeter. Alvin enjoys politics and was dedicated to performing his duties in a serious, professional manner. He is very proud of Frankenlust Township and the role he played in its significant development in recent years. Now that he is retired, Alvin plans to spend more time pursuing his leisure activities: working out at Delta College's pool, gardening and playing golf.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Alvin J. Appold as he retires as Frankenlust Township Clerk. I wish him the best in his future endeavors for many, many years to come.

HONORING THE 2011 MAINEBIZ BUSINESS LEADERS OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the 2011 MaineBiz Business Leaders of the Year Award. Each year, MaineBiz highlights the most outstanding businessmen and women helping to move Maine's business community forward. This year's honorees, Fletcher Kittredge, Martin Grimnes and Andy Shepard are among the best that Maine has to offer.

Fletcher Kittredge is CEO of Great Works Internet, GWI. In 17 years, GWI has grown from a small dial-up Internet company for one Maine community to a statewide Internet company with more than 50 locations. Fletcher has also been instrumental in the Three Ring Binder project, which has begun utilizing funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to expand broadband service throughout rural Maine.

Martin Grimnes is the example of a true success story. After leaving his $50 million dollar composites corporation in 2000, Martin is now at the helm of Harbor Technologies. In just a few years, Harbor Technologies has performed outstanding work on contracts like the new 103-foot composite pilings for use by the Navy in Pearl Harbor. With a product estimated to last 150 years, Harbor is now expanding overseas. Despite the company's overseas work, Martin is ensuring that Harbor Technologies remains based in Maine.

Andy Shepard, from my district, knows how badly northern rural Maine needs economic development. In only a few years since forming the non-profit Maine Winter Sports Center, Andy has helped to bring Olympic Trials, trainers and the World Cup Biathlon to northern Maine. This has contributed to millions in revenue for the northern part of my state.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring some of the best business leaders that Maine and America have to offer. In addition to their success in the private sector, Fletcher Kittredge, Martin Grimnes and Andy Shepard have remained committed to their local communities and used their entrepreneurial skills to develop economic opportunities throughout Maine.

HONORING RUBYE WINDRAM

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, public service done honestly and well is a boon to our citizens. For 37 years Rubye Windram has adhered to those principles, serving the people of New York at the Social Security Administration. Ms. Windram is now retiring with her numerous performance awards, including two Commissioner's Citations and three Regional Commissioner's Citations.