

retained a small town character and strong sense of community that make it an ideal place for families young and old to live, work and play. With a strong sense of its history and an eye toward the future, I am confident that Gladstone will continue to thrive for another 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be the representative of the fine community of Gladstone, Oregon. I congratulate the citizens of Gladstone on their centennial, and I look forward to sharing in the celebration.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND  
CAREER OF VAN R. RICHMOND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and memory of Van R. Richmond, a giant in the Greater Cleveland Community. Although his name rarely appeared in print, his work as Page 1 editor for the Cleveland Plain Dealer meant that he had a hand in shaping almost every major story affecting residents of Northeast Ohio during his tenure until his retirement in 1994.

Van Richmond grew up in Chicago, Wisconsin and New York before joining the service in 1943. After serving in the Army, Mr. Richmond attended Villanova University and majored in engineering. Ultimately, Mr. Richmond found his true calling and transferred to the University of Iowa to study journalism.

Mr. Richmond put his first marks on the field of journalism at Rockford Register Republic in Rockford, Illinois, where he worked for ten years before taking a job at the Cleveland Plain Dealer in 1960. He worked in several jobs as an editor before rising to become the Page 1 editor. Known to his friends and colleagues as an opinionated, hard working man, Mr. Richmond became a legend in the newsroom. He left a reputation for his quick wit and his dedication to the job.

Mr. Richmond will be loved and remembered by many, especially his widow, Elizabeth; his son and daughter, Jerome and Anne; his stepchildren, Michelle Miller, James Anderson and Kathryn Harttrup; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and memory of a man who, through his work, helped the residents of Northeast Ohio learn the events of the world and our place in them. He was a man who was driven not by fame or accolades, but the sense of hard work and a job well done. He will be missed by his friends, colleagues and all who knew him. I wish peace and happiness to his family.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JACK  
KYSER

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2011*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late John A. "Jack"

Kyser. Born in Huntington Park in the 34th Congressional District, he was a leader in the community and someone who was often called "the voice" or "the guru" of the Los Angeles economy. Mr. Kyser passed away unexpectedly on December 6 at the age of 76 at his home in Downey, CA.

As the "go to" economy expert in Los Angeles County, Mr. Kyser was respected and admired by a diverse group of people—from industry experts to television viewers—who appreciated his ability to make complicated facts and figures understandable as well as his in-depth knowledge about the local and national economy.

Mr. Speaker, as my fellow Angelenos prepare to attend his memorial service on January 12 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Mr. Kyser's lifetime contributions to Los Angeles and the Southern California region.

To further pay respect to him, I would like to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD excerpts from the following December 7 Los Angeles Times obituary which provides a thorough and touching overview of Mr. Kyser's life and many accomplishments.

JOHN A. 'JACK' KYSER DIES AT 76; EXPERT ON  
L.A. ECONOMY

(By Roger Vincent and Hugo Martin)

John A. "Jack" Kyser, the dean of Los Angeles economists who spoke as an expert on Southern California to observers around the world, has died. He was 76.

Kyser devoted his long career to focusing on the workings of the region's economy. As the former chief economist of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. he was in steady demand as a speaker at business events and a reliable source who was quick with an insightful quote for reporters on deadline.

"Jack was truly the authority on L.A.'s economy," said Mark Liberman, president of LA Inc., the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau. "If he said it, you knew it was true, because his voice influenced every projection about L.A.'s economy."

Kyser moved among the business elite but often spoke comfortably of his humble upbringing in working-class Downey.

He was born April 20, 1934, in Huntington Park and raised in Vernon and Downey, where he lived much of his life.

Kyser earned a bachelor of science degree in 1955 and an MBA in 1968 from USC, but was not formally trained as an economist. His street-level knowledge of the local economy was unsurpassed, though, and helped make him a confidant to the powerful.

"Generations of leaders in L.A.—including mayors, councilmen and governors—relied on him as an advisor and counselor, and benefited from his wisdom," said Bill Allen, chief executive of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.

Kyser found work after his undergraduate years as a forecaster for Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, but was laid off four years later during an economic downturn. He found paid work anchoring a news show at a local public radio station where he had been volunteering.

Kyser returned to Southern California in about a year to work for United California Bank, then spent eight years as an economist with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Kyser began with the economic development corporation in 1991, when it had no economics research department.

Kyser retired from the economic development organization in June, but returned to the public eye almost immediately as an economic spokesman for the Southern California Assn. of Governments.

Kyser's opinions were sought because "he had credibility," said Carol Schatz, president of the Central City Assn., a Los Angeles business advocacy group. "He remained independent through the political pressure that plays a role with economic forecasting."

The president of the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment Commission, Kathryn Schloessman, said Kyser "was the person our industry went to when asked about economic impact of anything happening in this city. He was a Los Angeles treasure."

HONORING DAVE HUINKER

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2011*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Dave Huinker of Decorah, Iowa, who was recently presented the Heritage Award during the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) 120th annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The IAFE is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the development and improvement of fairs and expositions around the world. Their influence covers said events from the county level to the national and international level. Although it was first organized in 1885 to represent a half dozen fairs, it has expanded to represent over 1,300 fairs, shows, and expositions today. To be selected for Heritage Award by the IAFE, a person has to have over ten years of fair management experience, cannot receive more than \$2,000 annually for their work in the position, must be nominated by their fair, and must be a current member of the IAFE.

Dave has a long history of involvement in Iowa's fairs. As a member of the 4-H from a young age, Dave spent much of his time exhibiting livestock and community service projects at his local fair. Dave served on the Iowa State Fair Board for 30 years, serving two terms of that time as board president and helping to establish the Blue Ribbon Foundation. He has served as a judge at numerous county and state fairs across the country and as an agricultural director to Decorah State Bank. Dave has also spent time as an auxiliary member of the Winneshiek County Fair Board and served on the Winneshiek County Extension Council.

The IAFE could not have chosen a better person to receive the Heritage Award. I commend Dave Huinker for his dedication to continuing and preserving our fairs and the rich culture that they represent. I know my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in congratulating him in being selected to receive this award. I wish him the best of luck in the future.