

and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kayla Koval is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kayla Koval for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING "TEAM WILSON" OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL'S ORLANDO, FLORIDA CADET SQUADRON

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate "Team Wilson" of the Civil Air Patrol's Orlando, Florida Cadet Squadron for recently earning the Commander in Chief's trophy at the Air Force Association's 2011 CyberPatriot National Championship.

It was almost a year ago that "Team Wilson" began to lay the foundation for the success that I am pleased to recognize. In an era when our national security increasingly relies upon protecting vital networks, these young men are committed to acquiring the skills necessary to defend against a cyber threat. Over four hundred and fifty teams competed in the CyberPatriot III tournament for the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to patch and secure computer systems at the National Championship held this past February. I am pleased to acknowledge the achievement of "Team Wilson," who held themselves to the highest standard of performance throughout several rounds of competition and brought home the Commander in Chief's trophy for First Place in the All Service Division.

The members, coaches, parents and mentors of "Team Wilson" from the Orlando Civil Air Patrol have certainly earned our recognition. I thank coaches Nina Harding and 1stLt. Mark Strobbridge for their steady guidance and dedication to the team's success. I also would like to acknowledge the contributions of Mr. Gary Palmer, whose mentorship and expertise provided "Team Wilson" with the tools to match their determination. However, much of the credit for this outstanding victory belongs with team members C/TSgt. Michael Hudson, C/MSgt. Evan Hamrick, C/SrA. Reid Ferguson, and C/SMSgt. Matt Allen. Team Captains C/SSgt. Isaac Harding and C/2ndLt. Shawn Wilson also deserve special recognition.

Meeting the new global challenges of the 21st century is fast hinging upon the capability to protect our critical telecommunications and network infrastructure. I am encouraged when I learn that so many young people are participating in competitions like CyberPatriot III to prepare themselves to serve our Nation on the front lines of the cyber security effort.

In conclusion, I wish all the best to the members of "Team Wilson" as they apply their technological competency and commendable work ethic to future pursuits.

HONORING REV. ROBERT A. WILD, S.J.

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rev. Robert A. Wild, S.J., President of Marquette University in Milwaukee, whose leadership has resulted in groundbreaking new educational and research facilities, innovative academic programs, increased donor support, and strong relationships with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community.

Rev. Robert A. Wild, S.J., began his duties as president of Marquette University in Milwaukee on June 17, 1996, and will retire on July 31, 2011. During his tenure, Father Wild has built upon the university's core strengths of an academically rigorous, values-centered curriculum; solid, practical preparation of students for work in a world of increasing complexity and diversity; and formation of individuals as ethical and informed leaders in their religious, cultural, professional, and civic communities. Father Wild has also promoted the Catholic, Jesuit identity of Marquette by inspiring its mission of the search for truth, the discovery and sharing of knowledge, the fostering of personal and professional excellence, the promotion of a life of faith, and the development of leadership expressed in service to others, all for the greater glory of God and the common benefit of the human community.

Father Wild has committed Marquette to making a higher education accessible to all students, regardless of financial means, such that more than 20 percent of the student body is now comprised of first-generation students. He has been a tireless supporter of student financial aid and academic support, including the Educational Opportunity Program, which enables low-income and first-generation students to enter and succeed in higher education via four Federal TRIO Programs.

Father Wild has inspired the formation of diverse leaders at an institution that was the first Catholic university in the world to admit women to be educated alongside men in its regular undergraduate programs in 1909. Marquette now receives more than 20,000 undergraduate applications each year to continue to provide a transformative experience for our nation's young men and women.

Numerous faculty and staff have provided their time and talent to serving the city of Milwaukee under Father Wild's leadership including three dental clinics operated by the School of Dentistry that provide oral health care particularly to underserved residents. Father Wild's leadership of the Near West Side of Milwaukee recognizes that the university's success and that of the community are one and that it is important to invest Marquette's work, wisdom and wealth in neighborhood goals. His community involvement has spurred neighborhood investment by numerous others, making a more vibrant and safer community the lasting result. Father Wild has also been a champion for the Milwaukee community through the Milwaukee Water Council, where he serves on the board, and service to the Greater Milwaukee Committee and the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce.

Under Father Wild's leadership, Marquette became the first university in the country to

partner with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for full-tuition scholarships; offered the first on-line master's degree program in Wisconsin; established its first endowed deanship; and received its first eight-figure contribution from an individual. He led Marquette's entry into the BIG EAST Conference in 2005, where intercollegiate athletes vie with the most competitive teams in the country. In the 15 years of Father Wild's tenure, Marquette completed the most successful comprehensive campaign in its history, raising a total of nearly \$800 million. More than 36,000 individuals have received a Marquette degree during Father Wild's tenure, individuals rooted in the university's pillars of excellence, faith, leadership and service.

I extend my thanks to Father Wild upon his retirement from Marquette University for his unparalleled leadership in transforming not only the university and its students, but Milwaukee and Wisconsin in so many ways that will have lasting impact for decades to come.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND AND THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SAIGON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and recognition of the 36th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. This historical date commemorates the end of the Vietnam War, and represents the beginning of a new life for tens of thousands of Vietnamese people, as they began their hopeful journey to America.

On April 30, 1975, the ancient city of Saigon fell to the conquest of communist troops. This action solidified the communist takeover of South Vietnam. Thirty-six years later, I rise to honor the memory and sacrifice of the hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese soldiers, American soldiers and civilians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of liberty.

Despite the violent takeover and the rule of repression that followed, the culture, spirit and hope reflected by the Vietnamese people remained steadfast. After the fall of Saigon, thousands of Vietnamese, determined to rebuild their lives, began a treacherous exodus out of Vietnam. Their daring escape was on foot, through thick jungles and over jagged mountains. They escaped by boat, through snake-infested rivers and across turbulent seas. They became refugees in many nations, including America, with nothing more than the clothes on their backs and the hope for freedom in their hearts.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring and remembering the hundreds of thousands of men and women who struggle for peace and freedom, then and now. We also honor agencies and churches such as The Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland and St. Helena Catholic Church, which offer havens of support, services and hope to immigrants from all over the world. The Vietnamese culture, through the care and commitment of its people, has flourished in Cleveland

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 unflinching. 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 RUBY 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.