

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.

Ms. Windram started working for the people on September 10, 1973 as a Claims Representative in the Boro Hall Field Office in New York. Two months later she transferred uptown and in 1978 she was named Operations Analyst and after another 2 months she was promoted to Operations Supervisor in East Harlem. She was named Branch Manager of the West Farms office and 4 years later was named Assistant District Manager in the North Bronx.

She continued her ascent at SSA and in 2003 she joined the Regional Office staff, becoming Deputy Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Operations Support. Throughout her career Ms. Windram used her growing and extensive knowledge of field operations to serve the agency and the public.

In retirement, Ms. Windram plans to travel and spend more time with her family. She also plans to share her experience and knowledge by teaching. I join her colleagues in wishing her the very best in retirement and in thanking her for her years of serving the public so admirably and well.

RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF
HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to commend Honor Flight South Alabama and the 89 World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing to Washington, D.C., on May 4, 2011.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from Mobile, Baldwin, Washington, Clarke, Monroe, Covington, and Escambia counties in Alabama to see their national memorial.

Over six decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. armed forces and the more than 400,000 who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say “thank you” yet, for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a US Airways flight to Washington. During their time in their nation’s capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport Wednesday evening, where a very large crowd of family and friends are expected to greet them.

Mr. Speaker, Wednesday’s journey of 89 heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of our military who fought in World War II—for they collectively and literally saved the world. They personify the very best America has to

offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedom we enjoy.

I salute each of the 89 veterans who made the trip on May 4, 2011. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices: Clavis Akridge, Mary Balch, Herbert Barnhart, Harry Bennitt, Nathan Beverly, Blake Blakeney, Jim Botts, Sr., Robert Bryant, Howard Carney, Sr., Harold Childers, Charles Christie, Dale Crittenden, Arthur Days, Jr., Donald Delmarter, Gerald Devuyt, William, Duffy, Sr., John Elliott, Hardy Eubanks, Osburn Flener, Delbert Ganson, Albert Garrett, James Glisson, George Grant, Bobbie Gwin, James Hathcock, Jr., Allen Honeycutt, Andrew Jackson, Jordan Jackson, Ralph Jackson, Weyman Jobe, Ben Johnson, Henry Jones, Emory Jones, Mathew Kautzer, Robert Killam, Kenneth Kollar, Joseph Kress, William Krist, William Lauten, John Loper, Reginald Loper, Charles Loury, James Maupin, Bruce Maynard, Perry McClure, Bryant McDonald, Jr., Glenn Merrill, Robert Middleton, John Mobley, Tristram Mock, James Mullineaux, Albert Murrell, William Nanney, Jr., James Nettles, John Nettles, Jr., Ronald O’Donnell, John Odom, Morgan Odom, Curtis Outlaw, Sr., John Overbeck, Oliver Palanjan, Orin Parker, Jr., William Patterson, Hurshel Paul, Webster Pedersen, Peter Richardson, Tom Robertson, Albert Roll, Jr., Joe Salzmann, Norman Sannes, Frank Schneider, Louis Spadaro, Lamar Stapleton, Bernie Steele, Rene Stiegler, Jr., Orrin Strickler, Floyd Stringfellow, Irvine Tucker, Waid Turner, Donald VanBeek, James Walker, Sr., Eldred Ward, Jr., Hugh Wiggins, Lewis Wilder, Frederick Witzel, Vernon Woodcock, Robert Yearty, Joseph Zulofsky, and Eldred Latham.

HONORING MS. CINDY SMITH FOR
HER 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Cindy Smith, the outgoing Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). She has served as Administrator of APHIS since September 2007, ably carrying out the mission of APHIS: protecting American agriculture.

Ms. Smith has dedicated her life to public service, and is a true success story. She started out at APHIS in 1979 as a clerk-typist. She worked her way from the bottom to the top of the agency, showing a real commitment to its important mission, no matter the job. She understands the value of leadership development. The APHIS Leadership Development Roadmap she inspired has served as a model for other Federal agencies.

As APHIS Administrator, Ms. Smith led a major regulatory agency that protects U.S. plant and animal health, administers the Animal Welfare Act, and conducts wildlife damage and disease management activities, overseeing more than 8,800 employees.

Ms. Smith has a unique ability to identify emerging issues and determine a course of

action to attain high-quality outcomes that are technically sound while still respectful of the taxpayers’ dollars. She understands how to build momentum for her ideas, while working closely with stakeholders on all sides of an issue to strengthen support and identify consensus.

When HINT influenza started gaining international attention in 2009, Ms. Smith provided key leadership in shaping USDA’s response. She formulated an effective response plan, recognizing what the impacts and implications of detection in the U.S. livestock population would be, and how it would affect the swine industry. She directed APHIS to align animal health and human health officials at the Federal, State, and local levels to coordinate U.S. policy should H1N1 be identified in the U.S. swine herd, and she ensured the swine industry was included in the discussion. Under her leadership, APHIS and its partners developed action and communication plans that government and industry stakeholders praised for their inclusiveness and transparency. Once a case of H1N1 was identified, government officials spoke with one voice, providing a clear message to the public and stakeholders, assuring them of the safety of pork, and how APHIS and government efforts were protecting the swine industry and human health. Due to the groundwork she laid, the United States was able to avoid trade disruptions with Canada, and address concerns raised by Mexico.

With foresight, vision, and an ability to collaborate and get others behind her ideas, Ms. Smith demonstrated genuine leadership in what could have been a major crisis. Her efforts dramatically minimized the impact on American agriculture, and were of innumerable value to this country.

Ms. Smith has always demonstrated forward thinking. While she was Deputy Administrator for APHIS’ Biotechnology Regulatory Services program, she recognized the growing importance of biotechnology in agriculture, as well as the need for more rigorous requirements for field tests of GE crops. She was instrumental in developing a program to help companies and researchers enhance their compliance with biotechnology regulatory requirements. Through its proactive approach to compliance, companies who participate in the Biotechnology Quality Management System are better able to analyze their operations, identify vulnerabilities, and see that they’re addressed. The program she helped implement ensures accountability by confirming that trials of these necessary and beneficial crops are conducted responsibly. The program she created continues to grow, as more and more universities and small and large businesses recognize the value of participation.

Ms. Smith’s integrity, dedication, professionalism—and perhaps most importantly, her leadership—have served the United States well in all these endeavors. While she is not retiring from federal service, and has taken a new role as APHIS’ Chief Advisor for Government, Academia, and Industry Partnership, I wanted to thank her for her 32 years of service with APHIS, her successful tenure as administrator, and her continued commitment to the American people and U.S. agriculture.