

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.

SUPPORT OF A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT DELEGATES AND THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER TO THE CONGRESS TO CAST VOTES IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution introduced by my good friend and colleague, Minority Whip STENY HOYER of Maryland that would restore the voting rights for the Delegates and Resident Commissioner during Committee of the Whole proceedings during the 112th Congress.

As I stated yesterday, the rules for the 112th Congress leave this body less transparent and less responsive to our constituents. Eliminating the right for Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to vote in the Committee of the Whole deprives our constituents with the understanding of how we stand on important issues. The fact that our vote in the Committee of the Whole is symbolic is further evidence of why such a right does not diminish the role of other Members of the House of Representatives; in fact, allowing us the right to a symbolic vote enhances long-cherished values of this body.

Moreover, affording us the right to vote in the Committee of the Whole ensures that equities of our constituents are covered in legislation that is pending or being debated by this body. In June 2009 the House of Representatives debated and voted on H.R. 2346, the Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009. The bill contained language that allowed the transfer of detainees from Guantanamo Bay to any of the territories and it did not provide the Governor of each respective territory with the right to be notified of any such transfer. Our right to vote in the Committee of the Whole afforded us the opportunity to raise this matter before the entire body and subsequent legislation that contained such transfer prohibition language did expressly include the territories. Our right to vote in the Committee of the Whole afforded us all the ability to represent the interests of our respective territories. Our voice was heard and changes were made.

Many men and women in uniform come from the territories and the District of Columbia. Many have sacrificed for our country, and, in fact, the per capita rate of deaths for servicemembers from the territories is higher than most states. Yet despite the patriotism and service that men and women from the territories show, the new leadership of the House of Representatives saw it fit to take away one of our most basic rights—the right to vote and effectively represent the needs of our constituents.

I also enter into the RECORD letters the Delegates and the Resident Commissioner sent to the leaders requesting an opportunity to address this rules change prior to the convening of the 112th Congress. Regrettably, the opportunity to address this matter prior to yesterday's convening was not presented. Therefore, and based on the action taken yesterday,

I stand in support of the resolution introduced today by Mr. HOYER and hope that it will be brought to the floor for a vote in the near future.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, December 22, 2010.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*Speaker-designate, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER-DESIGNATE BOEHNER: Now that a summary of proposed Rules for the 112th Congress is circulating and we find that the rule enabling the Delegates and Resident Commissioner to vote in the Committee of the Whole is slated for elimination, we write to express our concern and renew our request for a meeting with you to discuss this matter prior to January 5, 2011.

You will no doubt recall that we wrote last month to urge retention of this rule. We reiterate that this symbolic exercise of our country's democratic principles has great meaning to our more than four million constituents, who fight and die alongside their fellow Americans residing in the 50 States to secure the right to vote for people residing in such distant lands as Iraq and Afghanistan.

While this issue has been viewed through a partisan lens in the past, largely because none of us is a member of the Republican Conference, we respectfully submit that this fact should not be used to preclude us from exercising this most fundamental function of representative democracies, especially through a procedure which by its design can never be determinative of any vote.

Therefore, we ask that you retain this existing rule in the Rules package your Conference is preparing for adoption on opening day of the 112th Congress. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. We look forward to continuing to work with you on behalf of our constituents, your fellow Americans residing in the U.S. territories.

Sincerely,

PEDRO R. PIERLUISI.
MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO.
ENI F.H. FALCOMA VAEGA.
DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN.
GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, November 19, 2010.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*Speaker-designate, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER-DESIGNATE BOEHNER: As the Republican Conference prepares its package of proposed House Rules for consideration on the opening day of the 112th Congress, we respectfully urge you to retain the rule that enables the Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to vote when the House resolves into the Committee of the Whole, and that provides for an automatic revote in the full House when the votes of the Delegates or the Resident Commissioner are decisive.

This rule has been found to pass constitutional muster by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. See *Michel v. Anderson*, 14 F.3d 623 (D.C. Cir. 1994). It has not impeded the work of the House during the three Congresses in which it has been in place: the 103rd Congress (1993–1994), the 110th Congress (2007–2008), and the current 111th Congress (2010–2011). The rule has been carefully crafted to allow the Majority to decide when it is appropriate for legislation to be considered in the Committee of the Whole and, more specifically, to be subject to delegate voting. Therefore, if the Majority determines that a particular bill is better considered without delegate voting, the Rules Committee can report a rule that provides for

voting to be structured accordingly—as occurred in several instances during the 110th and 111th Congresses. We deeply appreciate that your Conference did not seek to repeal or otherwise alter this rule when the Ranking Republican Member of the Rules Committee offered his Motion to Commit with instructions at the start of the 111th Congress. We hope that your proposed Rules package for the 112th Congress will be consistent with that prior position.

There are compelling reasons to retain the rule. First, we know that your Conference, like our Caucus, values and seeks to promote open and transparent government. Our constituents can more effectively hold us accountable if there is a record of how we vote on legislation considered by the House. Although we recognize that the vote conferred upon us by this rule is essentially symbolic, it has genuine meaning for those we represent. The rule obligates us to take public positions on issues of national importance that will affect the lives of our constituents. This enables our constituents to better evaluate the quality of our representation.

In addition, we believe this is an issue of fundamental fairness with profound moral implications. Our constituents are part of the American family. They pledge allegiance to the same flag and serve alongside their fellow countrymen in our nation's armed forces. To deprive their duly elected representatives of this small privilege, which does no harm to this institution, would send a message of exclusion to Americans living in the territories and in the District of Columbia. We implore you not to send that message.

Sincerely,

PEDRO R. PIERLUISI.
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REMEMBERING EDWARD
STRINGER

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the courage and honor the life of firefighter Edward Stringer. Edward was killed in the line of duty on Dec. 23, when the roof of a burning South Shore building collapsed. He was 47 years old.

Edward often joked that he was the guy running into burning buildings when everyone else was running out. That was the case on the afternoon of the tragedy that took his life. Worried there might be a homeless man or woman seeking shelter from the cold in the abandoned building, his commitment to the Chicagoans he swore to protect was far stronger than any sense of self-preservation.

A 12-year veteran of the Chicago Fire Department, Edward worked out of the firehouse at 63rd and Dorchester. He was a lifetime South Sider, a proud Chicagoan and an American hero. His bravery will never be forgotten by the city he gave his life to protect.

May Mr. Stringer rest in peace.