IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND HONORING IDAHO AUTHOR ANTHONY DOERR FOR HIS AWARD-WINNING WORK.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, Anthony Doerr was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and went on to earn his Master of Fine Arts from Bowling Green State University in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Doerr has worked and lived around the world, including Italy, Africa, and New Zealand, but has chosen to make his home in Idaho, along with his wife and children; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Doerr was the writer-in-residence for the State of Idaho from 2007 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, he has been the recipient of a 2010 Guggenheim Fellowship and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, his works include "Memory Wall," "The Shell Collector," "About Grace," "Four Seasons in Rome," "The Deep," and "All the Light We Cannot See"; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Doerr's short stories, essays and novels have earned literary acclaim, including the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, the 2015 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction, the 2014 Goodreads Choice Awards for Best Historical Fiction, the 2010 Story Prize, four O. Henry Prizes, the Barnes and Noble Discover Prize, the Rome Prize, the New York Public Library's Young Lions Award, the Alex Award from the American Library Association, the National Magazine Award for Fiction, four Pushcart Prizes, two Pacific Northwest Book Awards, four Ohioana Book Awards, and the United Kingdom's Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Doerr is the first Idaho resident to win the Pulitzer Prize while living in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, despite Anthony Doerr's many and notable achievements, he remains a humble and well-liked man, who advises others to "write about what amazes you."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we congratulate Anthony Doerr for winning the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, as well as being a finalist for the 2014 National Book Award, for his novel "All the Light We Cannot See," and we further honor and commend Anthony Doerr for his contributions to the literary world and wish him continued success.