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Mr. Speaker, I think it is entirely fitting that we designate the Post Office at 215 East Jack Street in Painesville, Ohio, as the Karl Bernal Post Office Building, to honor a man who dedicated his life to his community.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2766 was introduced on October 29, 1997 by the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. LATOURETTE, and it is cosponsored by the entire House Delegation of the State of Ohio pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. The legislation was unanimously voted out by the Committee on February 12, 1998 by voice vote.

H.R. 2766 honors Karl Bernal, a civic and community leader in Painesville, Ohio. Mr. Bernal was a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He was probably best known for his two terms as president of the Lake County Branch of the NAACP. Mr. Bernal was founder of the Lake County NAACP Scholarship Program and was a fundraiser for numerous other organizations. He attended the St. James Episcopal Church for many years. He was a member of the Painesville Area Chamber of Commerce and received its Outstanding Citizen of the Year award in 1989. Additionally, he received the distinguished service award of the Lake County Mental Health Board, distinguished service award of Lakeland Community College, the United Way of Lake County's Good Neighbor Award, the United Way of Lake County's Good Neighbor Award, among many other honors. The Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate recognized Mr. Bernal's volunteer work and for his work in mental health services.

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Mr. Speaker, it is fitting to designate the post office at 215 East Jackson Street, Painesville, Ohio as the "Karl Bernal Post Office Building" to honor a man who dedicated his life to his community.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge our colleagues to support this measure.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield three minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE), who has been the driving force on this particular piece of legislation.

(Mr. LATOURETTE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York (Chairman MCHUGH), and also the ranking member of our subcommittee, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), and his able stand-in, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), and the chairman of our full committee, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), and also our ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), for allowing this bill to come forward to the floor in such a timely fashion.

Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) stated, Karl Bernal did so much for the community in which I live, and it is more than fitting that his legacy be permanent with the addition of the Karl Bernal Post Office.

Karl Bernal was not one who simply paid lip service to a cause, but rather one who embraced so many causes and did not let go until he had affected some positive change. He was a giant in Lake County, Ohio, and with his passing last May, he is an individual who is sorely missed.

He was active in the Lake County Salvation Army, the United Way, where he was awarded with the Lake County's Good Neighbor Award. He was named the Painesville Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1989 and the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Lake County Mental Health Board. He received a Distinguished Service Award from Lakeland Community College, and he was also given the Outstanding Pacesetter Award from the Ohio NAACP, and, probably most important to him, he was elected as a member of the Lake County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame.

I only had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Bernal during the last 20 years of his life. As the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) stated, he died when he was 76, but his was a rich life, and, through his life, he made the community that I have the honor of representing richer for all of our citizens, and, for that reason, I respectfully ask all of our colleagues to support the naming of this Post Office in his memory, the Karl Bernal Post Office in Painesville, Ohio.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I join the gentleman from New York (Chairman MCHUGH), in support of H.R. 2766, legislation introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) designating the United States Post Office located at 215 East Jackson Street in Painesville, Ohio, as the Karl Bernal Post Office Building.

Mr. Bernal, as already noted, although deceased, was in the words of the News Herald Newspaper, truly one of a kind. His notion of civic responsibility was to totally immerse himself in organizations, projects, ventures and good deeds designed to make life better for others.

Mr. Karl Bernal was the recipient of numerous awards attesting to his dedication to his family and community. He received the Distinguished Service Award of the Lake County Mental Health Board, the Outstanding Pacesetter Award of the Ohio NAACP, the Distinguished Citizen Award of the Painesville Chamber of Commerce, and recognition from the Ohio House and Senate for his volunteer efforts.

By all accounts, designating the East Jackson Post Office in honor of Mr. Karl Bernal is indeed only a small token of the appreciation that we can bestow for his efforts to make life better for people throughout his community and throughout the State of Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, with a final thank you to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and his staff, and also to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE), who is not just a sponsor of this bill, but is also a valued member of the Postal Subcommittee, I would urge all my colleagues to support this very worthy designation of an extraordinary man.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2766.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2766.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

BLAINE H. EATON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 916) to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF BLAINE H. EATON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

The United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville,