across the Nation about sickle cell and the need for research funding, early detection methods, effective treatments, and prevention programs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND RECOGNIZING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 223) honoring professional surveyors and recognizing their contributions to society, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 223

Whereas there are over 45,000 professional surveyors in the United States;

Whereas the nature of surveying has changed dramatically since 1785, as it is no longer limited to the description and location of land boundaries;

Whereas hydrographic surveys are important to the use of all bodies of water;

Whereas engineering surveys are utilized in the study and selection of engineering construction;

Whereas geodetic surveys determine precise global positioning for such activities as aircraft and missile navigation;

Whereas cartographic surveys are used for mapping and charting, as well as photogrammetry, the science of using aerial photographs for measurement and map production;

Whereas many services are provided through the use of sophisticated surveying equipment and techniques, including satellite-borne remote sensing devices and automated positioning, measuring, recording, and plotting equipment;

Whereas the role of the surveyor has been, and remains, of vital importance in the development of the United States;

Whereas since the colonial days of this Nation, surveyors have been leaders in the community, Statesmen, influential citizens, and shapers of cultural standards;

Whereas former surveyors include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln;

Whereas it was the work of the surveyor that determined the boundaries of land, the greatest economic asset in the colonies that became the United States;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson chaired a committee in 1784 to devise a plan for disposing of lands west of the 13 original colonies;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson argued that surveying before sale was necessary to prevent overlapping claim and to simplify deeds and registers;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson reportedly wrote a plan, which was debated in Congress and in modified form was adopted as the Land Ordinance of May 20, 1785, establishing the Public Land Survey System (''PLSS''), the rectangular system that continues today in 30 midwestern and western States; and

Whereas the establishment of the third week of March as ''National Surveyors Week'' would be a fitting tribute to all surveyors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) supports the establishment of National Surveyors Week;

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National Surveyors Week each year with appropriate ceremonies and activities paying tribute to professional surveyors and their contribution to society; and

(3) invites the people of the United States to look back at the historic contributions of surveying and look ahead to the new technologies which are constantly modernizing this honored and learned profession.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

KENNETH PETER ZEBROWSKI POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6199) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 245 North Main Street in New City, New York, as the ''Kenneth Peter Zebrowski Post Office Building,'' and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6199

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

SECTION 1. KENNETH PETER ZEBROWSKI POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 245 North Main Street in New City, New York, shall be known and designated as the ''Kenneth Peter Zebrowski Post Office Building''.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the ''Kenneth Peter Zebrowski Post Office Building''.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 671) supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 671

Whereas ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecological cancers, and the reported incidence of ovarian cancer is increasing over time;

Whereas ovarian cancer is the 5th leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States;

Whereas all women are at risk for ovarian cancer, and 90 percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer do not have a family history that puts them at higher risk;

Whereas the Pap test is sensitive and specific to the early detection of cervical cancer, but not to ovarian cancer;

Whereas there is currently no reliable and easy-to-administer screening test used for the early detection of ovarian cancer;

Whereas many people are unaware that the symptoms of ovarian cancer often include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, and urinary symptoms, among several other symptoms that are easily confused with other diseases;

Whereas the first national consensus statement on ovarian cancer symptoms was developed in June 2007 to provide consistency in describing symptoms to make it easier for women to learn and remember them;

Whereas due to the lack of a reliable screening test, 75 percent of ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed in an advanced stage when the five-year survival rate is below 30 percent;

Whereas if ovarian cancer is diagnosed and treated at an early stage before the cancer spreads outside of the ovary, the treatment is potentially less costly, and the survival rate is as high as 90 percent;

Whereas there are factors that are known to reduce the risk for ovarian cancer and play an important role in the prevention of the disease;

Whereas awareness and early recognition of ovarian cancer symptoms are currently the best way to save women's lives;

Whereas the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, during the month of September, holds a number of events to increase public awareness of ovarian cancer; and

Whereas a National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month should be designated to increase the awareness of the public regarding the cancer: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CEECEE ROSS LYLES POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 3241) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida,

as the ''CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building,'' and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the Senate bill is as follows:

S. 3241

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

SECTION 1. CEECEE ROSS LYLES POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, shall be known and designated as the ''CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building''.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the ''CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building''.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MURPHY A. TANNEHILL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3511) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2150 East Hardtner Drive in Urania, Louisiana, as the ''Murphy A. Tannehill Post Office Building,'' and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3511

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

SECTION 1. MURPHY A. TANNEHILL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2150 East Hardtner Drive in Urania, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the ''Murphy A. Tannehill Post Office Building''.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the ''Murphy A. Tannehill Post Office Building''.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CELEBRATING THE 232ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 386) to recognize and celebrate the ''232nd Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence,'' and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 386

Whereas the text of the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and the engrossed copy of the Declaration of Independence was signed by most of the delegates in the Second Continental Congress on August 2, 1776;

Whereas August 2, 2008, marks the 232d anniversary of the signing of the engrossed copy of the Declaration of Independence;

Whereas the signing of the Declaration of Independence marked the formal dissolution of the ties of the thirteen American colonies with Great Britain, the beginning of their statehood and national identity, and the dawning of a new era of freedom in America and the world;

Whereas these Founding Fathers, relying on the direction from and protection of Divine Providence, pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes, and their Sacred honor in defense of this action;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence paved the way for the birth of the Republic;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence has become part of the national culture, and its principles are part of the consciousness of all Americans;

Whereas the fundamental genius of the United States is embodied in the Declaration's recognition that ''all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness'';

Whereas the principle that the rights of man are bestowed by the Creator and are unalienable was derived from Scripture, which antedates the existence from any government;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence affirms that governments are instituted to protect those rights; and

Whereas the Declaration acknowledged these self-evident Truths, which constituted one of the most revolutionary philosophical developments in history and began an unparalleled national experiment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress recognizes and celebrates the 232d anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measures just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WATT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. LYNCH, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WATT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PERLMUTTER, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KANJORSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1193. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 3341. An act to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorrain C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on September 17, 2008, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 5938. To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 16 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at 10 a.m.

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. SKELTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, REGARDING THE AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO S. 3001

The Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives offers an amendment to S. 3001, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, as received in the House on September 18, 2008. The amendment consists of an agreement between the managers of the bill in the