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HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION TO NAME GPO'S PUEBLO FACILITY AFTER FORMER CONGRESSMAN

WASHINGTON—The U.S. House of Representatives approved H.R. 5706, a bill designating the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) Public Documents Distribution Center in Pueblo, Colorado as the “Congressman Frank Evans Government Printing Office Distribution Center”. Congressman John Salazar introduced the legislation as a tribute to former Congressman Frank Evans, who passed away in June of 2010. The bill now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

Congressman Evans first gained Congressional approval for the GPO Public Documents Distribution Center in 1970, making this year the 40th anniversary of his efforts. The center opened for business a year later in 1971. GPO employees in Pueblo work with the General Services Administration’s Federal Citizen Information Center to process customer orders. The center is responsible for processing and distributing orders for consumer publications. In the last 40 years, more than 800 million publications have been distributed worldwide.

“Throughout GPO’s rich history, we’ve been blessed with many champions in Congress. Congressman Evans was one of those champions and naming GPO’s Pueblo facility after him is a great testament to his commitment in providing the American people a means to receive government information,” said Public Printer Bob Tapella. “I appreciate Congressman Salazar’s support of GPO’s Pueblo operation and his efforts to recognize the tireless work of Congressman Evans.”

“From 1964-1978, Congressman Evans represented Colorado’s Third District in the U.S. House of Representatives, the seat in which I currently serve. The tremendous impact of his leadership on our district can still be felt to this day,” said Congressman John Salazar. “Congressman Evans was responsible for bringing the Government Printing Office Distribution Center to Pueblo, and I cannot think of a more appropriate way to recognize his hard work and commitment to Western Colorado than to name this building in his honor.”

The GPO is the federal government’s primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. government information in all its forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the federal government. In addition to publication sales, GPO makes government information available at no cost to the public through GPO’s Federal Digital System (www.fdsys.gov) and through partnerships with approximately 1,220 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. For more information, please visit www.gpo.gov. Follow GPO on Twitter <http://twitter.com/USGPO> and on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/user/gpoprinter>.

