

He was, indeed, revered by the people he served. He did an excellent job in his work here in the Congress and in representing the people from our district. He was, of course, a marvel on the stump because he could tell such great Irish jokes, even if he was not Irish. If he was Spanish, he told great Irish jokes. He had a number of jokes about my father, who was a horse trader, who had supposedly taken his father on a bad horse deal. But we had so many memorable occasions.

He was indeed a great Congressman, a great leader. His wife Evelyn is back in Lincoln. He has a daughter who lives in my district. They are great people. His brother is a State senator, and I know that they will be indeed proud for the tribute today to Ed Madigan and to have this post office as a living and continuing memorial.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1880, which officially renames the U.S. Post Office building located at 102 South McLean in Lincoln, IL, in honor of Edward Madigan.

Ed Madigan served the citizens of central Illinois with great distinction during his tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, and later as President Bush's Secretary of Agriculture. Although Ed is sadly no longer with us, his service, dedication, honor, charisma, and love of family continue to inspire each of us and should serve as a role model for all to follow.

As the Member of Congress who followed Ed Madigan into office, I want to take just a moment to share some of Ed Madigan's life with the House. Ed was born on January 13, 1936, and he remained a life-long resident of Lincoln, IL. He was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1966, where he served for 6 years until he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1972. Ed continued to serve the citizens of central Illinois in the House until he accepted President Bush's invitation to serve as our Nation's 24th Secretary of Agriculture.

In such a short time it is difficult to appropriately commemorate Ed Madigan's distinguished public service and personal richness, but I think H.R. 1880 embodies a fitting tribute to our dear former colleague. Although current residents of Lincoln need no reminder of who Ed Madigan was, Ed Madigan deserves to be properly memorialized in the town and amongst the people he loved and served so proudly.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 1880.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT], esteemed deputy majority whip.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I can remember coming to the Congress, and Ed Madigan would sit over there on the side. If you needed some wisdom or if he thought you needed a little wisdom, he would have you come over and sit down. We would have a little talk, and I learned a lot from Ed Madigan. He certainly was sage. He was wise.

I think he was a politician in the finest sense of the word politician. He knew how to make a deal. He knew how to bring people into the picture. He knew how to compromise. He knew how to put things together.

I tell the story, I guess it links up with something the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. EWING] was talking about. We talked about his heritage a lot, growing up in Lincoln, IL. I guess his father, too, was a horse trader, and they had a livery business. That meant you rented out horses. That livery business grew into a taxicab business. Ed's first job was to run the taxicab in Lincoln, IL.

Out of that he had a fondness of cars. He especially had a fondness for Packard automobiles. I do not know how many taxicabs were Packards back then. Anyway, he collected Packard automobiles. But the stories that he told about the livery business and horse trading, I guess if you ever got into a deal with Ed Madigan, you knew that he was a pretty good horse trader.

He knew how to make a deal, and he knew the value of what he was putting together. He certainly was a valued Member of this Congress in both the Committee on Energy and Commerce, which I had the privilege of serving with him, and also in the Ag Committee. He, as I said, was a Member who was a Member's Member. He could put things together. He understands people.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HASTERT. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

I want to join my colleagues in this tribute and thank the gentleman for naming this Federal post office facility for our former colleague, Ed Madigan. I think the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT] has touched upon what many of us felt about Congressman Madigan, and that was his wisdom. And he was wise. He would offer some advice sometimes when he thought maybe you had gone a little too far one way or another.

I happened to share an area in the House gymnasium, and, even when he was Secretary of Agriculture, he would come in late at night. We would talk about what it was like to be Secretary of Agriculture and about the House. He was a Member's Member.

He had a great sense of individuals, of personalities, of the needs of people. Maybe sometimes when this place got a little off track, Ed Madigan was one of the people that would try to bring us back and to be a little bit more civil and understanding of one another.

I just wanted to associate myself with the gentleman's remarks and thank him.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I guess in closing we will remember Ed as a gentle man, a man of great humility, a man who had a great sense about this House and the history of this House, and certainly aptly coming from a town named after Abraham Lincoln.

I served with Ed's brother who served in the Illinois House and now in the Illinois Senate. I certainly stand with a

great deal of pride with that family knowing this post office in Lincoln, IL, will be named after Ed and wish them very, very well.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this legislation and in tribute to a good friend and a great leader, Ed Madigan.

Ed left his mark on this institution and this Nation through his thoughtful leadership and quiet effectiveness. Both as a Member of the House and as our Secretary of Agriculture under President Bush, Ed's expertise and common sense helped guide America toward a sound farm policy. Ed Madigan provided me with a great deal of guidance on Agriculture issues and helped me to learn and understand the needs of the farmers and how to approach these issues.

But beyond his wise judgment, I will always cherish Ed's great strength of character and his personal warmth. He was not only a leader who informed our debates, but a friend whose great courage in facing cancer inspired all of us. He was not only a representative who knew how to get the job done, but someone who knew how to keep things in perspective.

Ed was a consummate legislator and—both in his role as ranking member of the full House Agriculture Committee, and of Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee—he understood how to obtain bipartisan agreement on contentious matters, a skill that is unfortunately too often in short supply in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman for bringing this legislation to the floor today, it is a fitting tribute to a great American and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). 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. 1880.

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 in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1880, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

#### HOLK POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2262) to designate the United States Post Office building located at 218 North Alston Street in Foley, AL, as the "Holk Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2262

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