

(a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "J. Bennett Johnston Waterway".

SEC. 347. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND RECREATION PROJECTS.—Section 203(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (33 U.S.C. 2325(b)) is amended by striking "(8662)" and inserting "(8862)".

(b) CHALLENGE COST-SHARING PROGRAM.—The second sentence of section 225(c) of the Act (33 U.S.C. 2328(c)) is amended by striking "(8662)" and inserting "(8862)".

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. SHUSTER

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. SHUSTER moves to strike out all after the enacting clause of S. 640 and insert the text of H.R. 3592, as passed the House.

The motion was agreed to.

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.

A similar House bill (H.R. 3592) was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3592 and S. 640, the bills just passed.

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

There was no objection.

OSCAR GARCIA RIVERA POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 885) to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, NY, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 885

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH].

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the legislation before us, H.R. 885,

was approved unanimously by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. This legislation, designating the U.S. Post Office Building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, NY as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building," was introduced by the gentleman from New York, [Mr. SERRANO], and was cosponsored by his full State delegation, as required by committee policy.

H.R. 885 honors the first Puerto Rican to be elected to public office in the continental United States. Oscar Garcia Rivera was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico on November 6, 1900. He came to the mainland after graduating from high school and worked part time in a Brooklyn factory. He pursued his studies while working and was assigned to the post office in City Hall. He was instrumental in organizing and establishing the Association of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Employees within the post office department. Mr. Garcia Rivera received his law degree from St. John's University, New York in 1930 and was elected assemblyman in the State of New York in March 1937 by the 14th District, which then included Harlem. He was reelected the following year and served until 1940. Soon thereafter, Mr. Garcia Rivera returned to Mayaguez where he continued to be known for his commitment to protecting the rights of manual laborers and remained a role model and a community leader. He dies in his hometown in 1969.

Mr. Speaker, I support the passage of H.R. 885 and urge our colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, rather than reiterate the points that my colleague from New York has already made, let me just say that I rise in support of H.R. 885, which designates the U.S. post office in New York City as the Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office.

This measure was introduced, as the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] said, by the gentleman from New York [Mr. SERRANO] and the gentleman from New York [Mr. RANGEL] and supported by the whole New York congressional delegation pursuant to the committee rules.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this tribute to a pioneer whose work marked the beginning of Puerto Rican leadership in the United States.

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

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, with passage of this bill, we not only pay tribute to a great American but we recognize in a small way the great culture and tradition of the Puerto Rican people.

This bill is the first step in the process of renaming the Hellgate Post Office in my congressional district in East Harlem after Oscar Garcia Rivera, the first Puerto Rican elected to public office on the mainland of the United States.

Born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Mr. Rivera personified all the virtues of hard work, dedication, and commitment to the service of his country that Americans hold dear. After migrating to New York City, he worked in a factory in Brooklyn while studying at night at my own alma mater, St. John's Law School.

Like so many minorities of his generation and still today, he found work in the post office, where he later helped establish the Association of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Employees of the U.S. Postal Service.

In 1937, he made history by becoming the first Puerto Rican elected to public office in the continental United States. His election to represent what was then the 14th State assembly district was unprecedented. His decision to run was courageous as well in a city in which, in those days, Puerto Ricans were a distinct minority and a Puerto Rican official of any kind was unheard of.

Though he served only until 1940, Mr. Rivera was a trailblazer for the more than 400 Hispanic Members of Congress, State Representatives, and judges who serve today throughout these United States. Today that representation—like that of African Americans—is under attack. But I am confident that the spirit of leaders such as Oscar Garcia Rivera will ultimately prevail.

During his short time of service in the New York State Assembly, Rivera made lasting contributions, not only to the Puerto Rican community but the labor movement. He defended minimum wage laws, fought for regulated work hours, was a dedicated champion of manual laborers. On the national level—he joined with fellow fighters against Jim Crow and racism by supporting a successful campaign for legislation to outlaw lynching.

Oscar Garcia Rivera holds a special place in the hearts of many of my older constituents in East Harlem. While I doubt that many of our younger contemporaries would recognize his name, this simple monument—a post office on east 110th Street—will give him a permanent place in the history of New York.

Oscar Garcia Rivera was a source of pride for his people back in the 1930's and '40's. The recognition that we offer today is well deserved not only by him but by all Puerto Ricans. In wartime they have fought bravely, and many have died to defend our country. They have made contributions large and small to American culture—in the arts, in music, in politics, and in law.

Oscar Garcia Rivera reminds us that like all Americans, the people of Puerto Rico are not only entitled but have earned respect. Their culture, their language, their communities, their choices of political leadership should be embraced and never challenged.

I wish to congratulate Jose Serrano, my dear friend and colleague from New York who has provided the leadership that has made passage of this bill possible. With his commitment and determination, he clearly walks in the footsteps of Oscar Garcia Rivera.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 885, a bill I introduced with Mr. RANGEL to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, NY, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building" and to celebrate the 59th anniversary of the first Puerto Rican elected to public office in the continental United States.