

debate by a gentleman statesman. He worked hard and was highly respected by Members on both sides of the aisle, as evidenced by the fact that all 52 members of the California delegation are cosponsors of this legislation. He proved himself to be one of the most versatile and adaptable legislators this body has seen. He consistently had the most conservative voting record of any Member of Congress, and that did not stop him from being an effective legislator during his 22-year tenure in the minority.

Always a loyal statesman, Carlos was also skilled in the art of the possible. He had a special ability to get past politics and negotiate legislation that achieved the best result possible under the circumstances. Nevertheless, after 22 years in the minority, Carlos wasted no time adapting to the majority.

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He proved to be one of the most efficient and effective subcommittee chairmen of the 104th Congress. In just 2 years, he managed to favorably report several of the most important and controversial elements of the Contract With America. He went on to break decades-old log jams of legislation in the area of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and the Federal courts.

In his short tenure as chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, Carlos was responsible for the enactment of 14 public laws, both qualitatively and quantitatively. That was the best record of any subcommittee chairman.

I join with pride the California delegation in saluting this man of service, a great patriot, and wish him and his wife, Valerie, and his five children and grandchildren the very best.

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

Madam Speaker, let me again join with the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. I did take note while some of us were on break, he kept the home fires burning here in Washington and the committee was working.

Madam Speaker, I want to again say that in terms of this bill, that we join on this side of the aisle in recognizing the achievements of our colleague, and want to see this post office in California named after him. I am happy he was able to serve for more than two decades in the House. As a newer Member of the Congress, I look forward to one day of having that type of lengthy service.

I think it is very important to see that the experience a Member gains over those years comes to be admired by both sides of the aisle and comes to be appreciated, hopefully, throughout the country.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. ROGAN], Mr. Moorhead's successor in this Congress.

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time. I especially want to thank the distinguished chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary for bringing this very well-deserved bill to the floor.

As Carlos Moorhead's successor, I have both a benefit and a burden. It is a benefit, because I have enjoyed him not just as a friend, but as a mentor in my private and public career. It is also a burden, because he sets a very high standard of respect and accomplishment for those who follow in his footsteps.

As we walk through the Capitol, we see there is a propensity to build statues to heroes. Yet not all of our heroes are represented in statue. Although he deserves a statue, naming a post office for Carlos Moorhead is a modest way of thanking him for a job well done. In 32 years of public service, Carlos served his community and country with a sense of quiet dignity and resolve. And he did so without there ever being a hint of scandal or of impropriety. He is a man who has faithfully served his country for 24 years in this House, and in doing so he has left a lasting mark.

As I meet both veteran and new Members of Congress, I have found that if I want to ingratiate myself, I simply tell them that I took Carlos Moorhead's place. Invariably this introduction brings a smile and a nod of appreciation for both Carlos as a friend, and for Carlos as a colleague.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to join with so many distinguished Members of this House in paying tribute to a great Congressman, a great public servant, a great friend, and most of all, a great American. This bill is a fitting tribute to a well-deserving public servant, the Honorable Carlos J. Moorhead of California.

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to yield two minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. MCKEON].

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Illinois, Chairman HYDE, of the Committee on the Judiciary for bringing forth this bill, the gentleman from New York, Chairman MCHUGH, and the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. FATTAH, for their expeditious handling of the bill to bring it to the floor in this timely manner.

Madam Speaker, I just was thinking while people were talking, I was thinking about Carlos Moorhead. He was the first Congressman I had the pleasure of meeting in my lifetime. I was the mayor of our city and he was our Congressman.

I was at work one day and received a phone call from our receptionist who said, "There is a Congressman out front that would like to meet you." I did not know how to act or how to react to that, but I invited him to come into the office. Those of you who are colleagues who know Carlos know how quiet and unassuming he was. He came in, introduced himself, and we

had a nice chat. That began a strong friendship.

To me, Carlos represents all that is great about the House of Representatives. As has been mentioned, he had an unimpeachable character. He served this House and his countrymen for many years with great dignity. He practiced his Christian principles that he believed in. He was a humble, unassuming man. As was said earlier by the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. COBLE], he was a true gentleman.

The greatest praise my dad could give to someone was that he was a real gentleman. I cannot think of anything greater to say about Carlos.

He was great to work with. He helped me very much in assuming my role here. He was my Congressman. I replaced part of his district when we had the reapportionment in 1992.

Madam Speaker, I am happy to see this done. I have been to Glendale many times. I am happy this Post Office will be named after him. I know the people of that district will love to see this named after him, and they appreciate all the things he did for them.

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and, with a final urging to my colleagues to support this very worthwhile legislation for a very distinguished colleague, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COBLE). 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. 681.

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 the bill just passed, H.R. 681.

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

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. 282) 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. 282

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