

Millennium Stage that has opened the great hall of the Kennedy Center to the public every day at 6 o'clock for free performances. This makes the Kennedy Center truly a people's center for cultural activities and for the performing arts in all of their exciting and stimulating manner.

I only wish that all of us in this Chamber could have more time to partake of those cultural activities rather than being locked up here in session late night after late night so that we, too, could be enlivened and enriched by the many offerings of the Kennedy Center.

Again, I want to thank the gentleman from Ohio for his persistent leadership over many, many years on issues involving the Kennedy Center. His fingerprints, too, are on all the building improvements and innovations that have come about at the Center, and I thank him for his vigilance, and I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) for his splendid participation and partnership in this great endeavor.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to once again thank the ranking member and our chairman, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) for his work with the Kennedy Center on an ongoing basis in all areas and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) the chairman of the committee who works very well. Both the ranking member and the chairman at the top of this committee work well.

I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM). I want to thank Mr. KIM for his contributions on this legislation, and I want to thank him for his friendship and, understanding that he had not experienced well in the election, we will miss him. I want to compliment him for the hard job that he has done and how he has addressed himself to details, and I want to thank him for his bipartisanship and his attitude and spirit in doing that.

With that, I would like to say this: I think President of the Kennedy Center Larry Wilker deserves a lot of credit. I believe the Kennedy Center right now does not look as good as it should as the focal point of arts, theater and culture in America. Quite frankly, when one goes by the building it is not all that it should be. We must make it all that it should be.

Now the Kennedy Center asked and Mr. Wilker proposed a long 11-year program; and, quite frankly, he was looking at long-range scenarios to affect those goals.

We particularly felt at the subcommittee/committee level that we should maybe take a couple bites of that apple, and we made a 5-year restriction in here, but that could be addressed. We want the Kennedy Center people to know that did not fall on deaf ears and that will be looked at in the upcoming Congress, and an extension

of that is very possible considering the type of activity that they are involved in.

But this is our treasure. This is the focal point. And ladies and gentlemen of Congress, when we go around this beautiful city and see all these great monuments, the Kennedy Center is simply not all it should be. It must become everything that it is possible of being.

I will, furthermore, like to see in years to come, envision a day where there may be three, four, or maybe five or six regional satellite Kennedy Centers operated by the Kennedy Center that takes it closer to all of our people so they do not have to come all the way down here to the Nation's capital.

But, in any regard, I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM), thank the committee. I want to thank Rick Barnett and Susan Brita of our staff.

And, with that, I ask for an aye vote.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3504, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KIM. 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, H.R. 3504, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CARL D. PURSELL POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3808) to designate the United States Post Office located at 47526 Clipper Drive in Plymouth, Michigan, as the "Carl D. Pursell Post Office," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3808

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 located at 47526 Clipper in Plymouth, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Carl D. Pursell Post Office".

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 referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Carl D. Pursell Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) 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 might consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3808, a bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 47526 Clipper Drive in Plymouth, Michigan, was introduced by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON) on May 7, 1998, and was originally cosponsored by the entire Michigan State delegation which is pursuant to full committee policy.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is unanimously amended by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight to correct the address to 47526 Clipper, creating the deletion of the word Drive pursuant to information that was received from the Postal Service.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3808 represents a former Member of this body, Representative Carl D. Pursell, who was elected to the 95th Congress and was reelected to represent the Second Congressional District of Michigan for seven succeeding terms from 1977 through 1992.

Born in Imlay City, Michigan, in his home State, after receiving his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University he served in the United States Army for 2 years and then earned his master's degree. He then went on to a long and distinguished career in public service and, as I have mentioned already, coming to this House for an equally distinguished term.

Currently, Mr. Pursell resides in Plymouth, Michigan, where he has been for his entire life; and I think most importantly, Mr. Speaker, he and the contributions that he has made to his community, to his State and, ultimately, to his Nation compile the kind of record that I think certainly merits this kind of designation.

We do have several Members here today from the Michigan State delegation to whom I will eventually yield time. I know we will have more particular comments upon this man and his life and his service, and we are all looking forward to that.

But, for the moment, Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, let me first of all thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) who, throughout his service as chairman of this very important subcommittee, has extended every courtesy to those of us on the Democratic side of the aisle. I would like to thank the gentleman.

I would also like to rise in support of H.R. 3808, offered by another of my colleagues, one who I serve on the Committee on Education and Workforce