

"Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building".

Mr. Campbell senior was elected to five terms of city-wide office, including Councilman-at-Large and Clerk of the Quarter Sessions Court.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support this legislation, which is to honor Mr. Edgar C. Campbell, Sr.

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

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, obviously in support of H.R. 3939, a bill that I have authored and does indeed have the full support of the entire Pennsylvania delegation.

On many occasions we do this to honor the people that we are naming the buildings after, and in so many respects Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., honored us by his willingness to work and dedicate his life to public service. I knew him well personally. He taught me some of the more painful lessons of local politics, beating me in some of my earlier efforts at public office.

He was known as the "Dean of Black Politics" in Philadelphia, but also had a hand in most all of the politics of our local city in Philadelphia. He was someone who served both on the city council and as clerk of the court. He served as what we call the ward leader, that is, the local political leader of the 4th Ward executive committee, which is the ward I was raised in and came of age in politically.

Edgar C. Campbell, Sr.'s legacy continues through the great work of his daughter, who is now the ward leader there and head of a group of ward leaders, and also the leader of our local party, the leader of one of the head offices of our local Democratic party organization.

So I just want to have the House understand the tremendous contributions of this person, who was a gentleman, but also had a way to make sure that everyone understood that he had a sense about politics and he understood how to make it work to the benefit of the people who were his neighbors, who entrusted him with the responsibility of serving in public office.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I did not know that Mr. Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., was a mentor of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), but I must state that he must have been a gentleman who taught well, because he has always not only been a gentleman but fought vigorously for all those things he believes in.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for us to name this post office in his honor, and it is great that the gentleman has brought this forth, and we appreciate that.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3939.

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. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3939, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

#### DAVID P. RICHARDSON, JR., POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3999) to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3999

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

#### SECTION 1. DAVID P. RICHARDSON, JR., POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3999 was introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), who is the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Postal Service. The legislation was introduced on June 5, 1998, and enjoys the cosponsorship of the entire House delegation from the State of Pennsylvania pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 3999 designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building".

Mr. Richardson served 11 terms in the Pennsylvania House of Representa-

tives. He was involved in many community and professional organizations, including the Urban League of Philadelphia, the National Association of State Legislators, and the Greater Germantown Youth Corporation. He was the recipient of numerous honors and awards for his civic involvement.

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Mr. Richardson died in 1995.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of H.R. 3999, which would name a postal facility in the Germantown section of Philadelphia after a former colleague who I served in the State House with, David P. Richardson. He served for some 11 terms as a state legislator from Philadelphia. I served in the State House for 3 terms and then as a state senator in which our districts were contiguous to each other and also briefly as a Member of Congress while he was still alive.

David P. Richardson was a state legislator. But he was more than that. He was elected by his colleagues as the president of the National Association of Black State Legislators in our Nation. He was the president of that association but also served on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators.

He was at home in Harrisburg, in our state capital, the chairman, or as we would say, the "powerful chairman," of the health and welfare committee for so many years that none could remember a previous chairman.

David P. Richardson served his constituents well. He was a former product of the public schools of Philadelphia, Germantown High School. He is someone who is well-respected for all of his work. His legacy will be with us for a great time to come. And this post office in the heart of his State House district will remind his constituents that David P. Richardson and his work should not ever be forgotten.

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

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

May the spirit of what we have done here today and us working together live and enrich these communities of these post offices of which we have dedicated not only to the people of these communities but also for the spirit in which these gentlemen lived their lives.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Gillmor). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3999.

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