

GOVERNMENT WASTE
CORRECTIONS ACT

(Mr. METCALF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. METCALF. Madam Speaker, during my time in Congress I have tried to identify and stop wasteful spending. That is why I am pleased to rise today as a cosponsor of H.R. 1827, and support a bill that will stop overpayments to vendors by the Federal Government. The Government Waste Corrections Act requires executive agencies to conduct recovery auditing to identify and collect millions of dollars in overpayments.

We all know there are many cases of government waste. H.R. 1827 is vital to collecting back overpayments that otherwise would never have been detected. We have a responsibility to keep our government accountable, cut excessive spending, and terminate the unnecessary use of taxpayer dollars.

We can cut excessive spending and reduce our deficit so that in the future our children and grandchildren will not have to bear the excessive burdens of our debts.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that she will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any recorded votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules but not before 2 p.m. today.

KEITH D. OGLESBY STATION

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2952) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orchard Park Drive in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Keith D. Oglesby Station".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2952

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

SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION.

The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orchard Park Drive in Greenville, South Carolina, and known as the Orchard Park Station, shall be known and designated as the "Keith D. Oglesby Station".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Keith D. Oglesby Station".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from

Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) and the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2952, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) introduced H.R. 2952 on September 27, 1999, along with the entire South Carolina delegation as original cosponsors.

The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed the legislation and has estimated that its enactment would have no significant impact on the Federal budget and would not affect direct spending or receipts. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

This bill contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on State, local, or tribal governments.

The legislation redesignates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orchard Park Drive in Greenville, South Carolina, presently known as the Orchard Park Station, as the Keith D. Oglesby Station.

Keith Oglesby was the postmaster of Greenville for 6 years. Unfortunately, sadly, tragically, he drowned last year while on vacation with his family. Among the many activities the postmaster was associated with are chairperson for the Greenville Counties Combined Federal Campaign for 5 years; postal co-chair for the Upstate Postal Customer Council and he served on the board of directors for 4 years and President for a year of Senior Action, an organization to provide and raise funds for social events for senior adults in Greenville County.

Mr. Oglesby was awarded the Benjamin Award, the Postal Service's top public relations honor. He received the second award posthumously. Postal employees, his peers and customers in Greenville have requested that Mr. Oglesby be remembered in the community where he lived, worked, and served.

Mr. Oglesby was known by his words, quote, "do the right thing," end quote. I believe that such an honor initiated by one's own community is the right thing and I thank our colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), for sponsoring H.R. 2952, naming a postal facility after postmaster Keith D. Oglesby, and I urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As a Member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my committee colleague, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY), in the consideration of two postal naming bills. Both bills honor a number of fine individuals who have contributed much to the improvement of their communities and States.

H.R. 2952 and H.R. 3018 have met the committee's sponsorship requirement and are supported by the entire South Carolina congressional delegation. In addition to and on behalf of the ranking minority member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), I would like to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), for their support and assistance in the accommodation and timely consideration of these postal-naming bills.

As a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to bring to my colleagues' attention H.R. 2952, legislation introduced by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT). H.R. 2952 would designate a post office located at 100 Orchard Park Drive in Greenville, South Carolina, as the Keith D. Oglesby Station.

Mr. Oglesby was a tireless worker and community activist. As the Greenville postmaster, he took his position in the community seriously. He hosted the First-Day Issue ceremonies for the Organ & Tissue Donation Stamp, coordinated blood drives, and participated in the March of Dimes Walk America and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

He was honored posthumously with a second Benjamin Award, the Postal Service's top public relations award, given in recognition of community outreach accomplishments.

I urge my colleagues to join in honoring Mr. Oglesby and to pass H.R. 2952.

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

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the initiator and sponsor of this important legislation.

(Mr. DEMINT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEMINT. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) very much for managing this bill on the floor.

Madam Speaker, today the House will consider a bill which is very important to my hometown and to the people of Greenville, South Carolina. H.R. 2952 renames the Orchard Park Station of the Greenville Post Office in honor of the late Postmaster Keith D. Oglesby.

The tragic and unexpected death of Mr. Oglesby last summer shocked and saddened the community of Greenville.