

President Clinton dedicated the Ronald Reagan Building here in Washington, DC, in 1998. That building houses an international trade center, international cultural activities, the Agency for International Development, and many others.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the swift passage of this bill.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON). As I mentioned earlier, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON) was owed the thanks, I think, of this entire body for taking the initiative in bringing this bill to the floor here tonight. I commend him for that.

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Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, today we have the opportunity to honor a man who made us proud again to be Americans. H.R. 5309 designates the Post Office at 230 Minton Road in West Melbourne as the Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building. This post office is in Florida's 15th Congressional District, and I am pleased that every Member of the Florida delegation has signed on as a co-sponsor of this bill.

Former President Ronald Reagan is a true American hero and naming the U.S. post office after him is a fitting way to honor him.

Ronald Reagan was born on February 6, 1911, in Tampico, Illinois. He was a man with many ambitions, growing up a Midwestern boy in hard economic times. He worked his way through Eureka College. He started his career as a radio announcer and, in 1937, went to Hollywood, where he appeared in more than 50 movies.

He became president of the Screen Actors Guild and was involved in fighting Communist influences in Hollywood. In 1966, he was elected the Governor of the State of California by a margin of more than 1 million votes and was reelected again in 1970.

In 1980, Ronald Reagan was elected to serve as the 40th President of the United States. Ronald Reagan set our Nation on a path to prosperity. He was a strong moral leader and made Americans proud. The economic policies he pursued in the 1980s set a firm foundation for the economic prosperity that we are experiencing today.

President Ronald Reagan reinvigorated the American people through smaller government, putting a lid on inflation, and strengthening our national defenses. President Reagan's persistence in achieving peace through strength carried our Nation to its longest recorded period of peacetime prosperity. President Reagan negotiated a treaty with the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, to eliminate medium-range nuclear missiles. Mr. Reagan went to

Berlin and challenged Mr. Gorbachev to "Tear down this wall." His 8 years of persistence paid off, and the Iron Curtain fell shortly after he left office.

President Reagan certainly followed through with his 1980 campaign pledge to "Restore the great, confident roar of American progress and growth and optimism."

I am happy that we are considering this legislation today, and I encourage all my colleagues to support this effort to name this post office in my congressional district after Ronald Reagan.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to say once again that I thank the gentleman from Florida and the gentleman from Florida (Ms. BROWN), a member of the Florida delegation, for their efforts in this regard. I urge all of our colleagues to join us in final passage of the bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THUNE). 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. 5309.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

ROBERT S. WALKER POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 3194) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 North George Street in Millersville, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert S. Walker Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 3194

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF ROBERT S. WALKER POST OFFICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 North George Street in Millersville, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Robert S. Walker Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Robert S. Walker Post Office.

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

New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the Senate bill, S. 3194.

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

There was no objection.

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

As we just heard the Clerk read, Mr. Speaker, this bill does designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 431 George Street, Millersville, Pennsylvania, as the Robert S. Walker Post Office, and we owe our thanks to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS), who introduced an identical bill, H.R. 5418, into the House on October 6. That bill is indeed cosponsored by all the Members of the House delegation from the great State of Pennsylvania.

Many of us certainly know Bob Walker well and know him personally and served with him. Bob represented the people of Millersville and the people of the 16th District of Pennsylvania for 20 years before he did decide to retire from the House.

Simply put, Bob became a member of the Republican leadership during his years here in Washington, and he was known, for a very good reason, as a master strategist, tactician, and an expert on the parliamentary process. He was the floor manager, the chairman of the Republican leadership, and chief deputy minority whip simply because of these great strengths.

For more than a decade, Bob was a major player in all those decisions made by the House Republican leadership. After the party gained the majority in the House, Bob became the chairman of the House Committee on Science, and the vice chairman of the Committee on the Budget.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, awarded him its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medal, in 1966, for his leadership in advancing the Nation's space program, particularly commercial space endeavors. And I think it is very important to note that he was the first sitting House Member in the history of this country to receive that award.

Though Bob retired from the House, he does to this day remain a strategist and continues his interest and participation in the area of public policy, particularly in science and space and technology. To this day he serves on the boards of trustees of the Aerospace Corporation, the United States Capitol Historical Society, and the United States Space Foundation, among many, many other activities.

It is always an honor to have the opportunity to participate in one of these namings; but, Mr. Speaker, I would add

that in this case the opportunity to participate in extending to a former colleague, and to many of us still a friend and someone in whom we hold the highest respect and admiration, it is a particular honor.

Again, I want to thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) for his efforts, and I urge our colleagues to support this bill.

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

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3194.

Mr. Speaker, S. 3194, which names a post office in Millersville, Pennsylvania, after "Robert S. Walker", was introduced by Senator RICK SANTORUM on October 12, 2000. This measure is identical to H.R. 5418, which was introduced by Representative PITTS (R-PA) on October 6, 2000.

Robert Walker was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, in 1942 and educated in public schools in Millersville, Pennsylvania. He attended William and Mary, Millersville University, and the University of Delaware. Mr. Walker taught school for three years, then went on to serve in the Pennsylvania National Guard. He was elected as a Republican to the 95th Congress and served until 1997.

In addition to serving as the Chairman of the Committee on Science, Congressman Walker will be forever known and remembered as a master of parliamentary procedure. Currently, he serves as a Professor at Millersville University and a political consultant.

I urge the swift passage of this bill.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS), the sponsor of the House version of this bill, and who, as I mentioned, we are indebted to for his work in honoring one of our former colleagues, Bob Walker.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

I rise today in strong support of S. 3194. Bob Walker is a great American. During 20 years in Congress, his commitment to his community back home and to America showed through everything he did. Like the county he came from, he is a strong conservative who believes in the values and principles this Nation was founded on. After decades in the minority, he helped lead the Republican Party to the majority in Congress, allowing us for the first time in decades to balance the budget and begin paying down public debt.

Bob grew up in a small university town in Pennsylvania called Millersville. His home is just a few miles up the road in East Petersburg. His father was a history professor at Millersville University, and he grew up exposed not only to the life of the mind but also to the simple bedrock values mainstream America believes in. When he came to Congress, that is exactly how he legislated.

He believed America was capable of great things. As chairman of the Committee on Science, he was a passionate advocate of space exploration. As a member of the Republican conference, he believed regaining the majority was possible.

As an American, he believed in the power of the American people to be great problem solvers and innovators. As our Congressman, my neighbors and I always trusted Bob to do the right thing, and I still trust Bob for wise advice and counsel whenever I need it.

It is because Bob inspired so many of us that I think naming the Millersville post office for him is exactly the right thing to do. Bob's family has been connected with Millersville for decades. His father, as I said, was a professor at Millersville University. Bob's archives are there at Millersville University as well.

Lancaster County owes a lot to Bob Walker for 20 years of service. America, I think, owes no less to him for his adherence to principle, even when the right thing to do was not always the popular thing.

Naming this post office for Bob is a fitting thank you to a truly great American, and I urge my colleagues to vote for this bill to say thanks to Bob Walker for being such a fine example to us all.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING), another member of the Pennsylvania delegation who I know worked with the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) in bringing this bill forward, and who, I know as well not only served with Bob Walker but is someone who considers him to this day a friend.

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

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, and I am pleased to rise this evening to support this legislation naming the Millersville post office for my good friend, Bob Walker, who hails from the congressional district neighboring mine.

Bob and I served together in the Pennsylvania delegation for many years. I have always known him to be one of the most dedicated public servants with whom I have served. There is certainly not a Member on our side of the aisle that does not credit Bob for his instrumental role in helping us gain the majority in 1994.

When we were in the minority, and Bob served as chief deputy minority whip, he was very well respected and recognized as one of the Republicans' chief strategists, tacticians, and experts on the parliamentary process. Bob was always on the floor of the House making sure that parliamentary procedure was being followed every step of the way and ensuring that no one tried to pull a fast one. Whenever there was any controversy on the mi-

nority, if the minority wanted to be heard, Bob was the man to see. He was truly a master.

Many do not know that Bob served as a congressional staffer for many years before he was elected to the Congress. I believe that is where he mastered the procedures and rules of the House, and I suppose that is one of the reasons why his staff was so loyal and so fond of him over the years. He never expected his staff to do anything that he did not do as a staffer. He always showed them the utmost respect and challenged them every step of the way.

Bob has long been dedicated to the field of education. He graduated from Millersville College with a Bachelor's degree in education and went on to teach high school science. He knew the importance of science education, and when he became chairman of the House Committee on Science, he dedicated himself to the advancement of the space program, knowing of the important educational benefits that that program offered.

I had the pleasure of working closely with Bob not only on science and technology issues but on just about every issue of importance to our constituents in Pennsylvania: Superfund, keeping our military bases open, attracting businesses and jobs to south central Pennsylvania, taking care of the Amish community, which primarily resides in the Lancaster area. All of those issues were first and foremost on the mind of Bob Walker. It was always service first.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere pleasure to join my colleagues from Pennsylvania in honoring Congressman Robert Walker by naming this post office for him. He is truly deserving of this honor after all his dedicated years of public service to our Nation and the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to give a final urging to all our colleagues to join us in supporting this very worthy piece of legislation.

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

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COBURN). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 3194.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further

proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

ARTHUR "PAPPY" KENNEDY POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4399) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office Building," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4399

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

SECTION 1. ARTHUR "PAPPY" KENNEDY POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy Post Office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

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 H.R. 4399.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill, as has been noted, was indeed introduced by our colleague, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN). And, as is our custom, all the Members of the House delegation from the State of Florida support this legislation. I want to thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) for her work and for her efforts in bringing this naming bill to the floor here this evening.

I would note for the record, Mr. Speaker, the legislation is amended to correct the name of the facility from "post office building" to "post office," as determined after review by the United States Postal Service.

I am certain that the sponsor who is pleased to be here with us tonight will recount in some detail the life and the achievements of Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy. But I do want to say that this individual I think measures up extraordinarily well to the caliber of previous nominees, folks who labor in their communities who go about their lives

in a way to try to make a difference and try to improve the lives of those around them.

Certainly Mr. Kennedy has a long and very illustrative and illustrious record in that regard, working for the poor and the underprivileged, associating himself with so many organizations like the NAACP, Meals on Wheels, the United Negro College Fund, and on and on.

I would say that, although he died earlier this year, I am sure the people of Orlando will remember him fondly and remember him as well as a hard-working, popular public servant. I think it is a very, very fitting tribute to a very, very distinguished individual.

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

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to thank the chairman for his help in moving this bill to the floor and for his assistance with the amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to introduce H.R. 4399, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office."

Arthur Pappy Kennedy was Orlando's first African American city commissioner. He was elected to the Orlando City Council in 1972 and reelected in 1976 and served until 1980. He was a native son born in River Junction, Florida, in 1913. His family moved to Orlando, where he attended Johnson Academy and Jones High School. Upon graduation, he attended Bethune-Cookman College.

There was no stronger advocate of higher education. He was always involved in the community. He was the organizer of the Orlando Negro Chamber of Commerce, president of the Jones High Parent-Teacher Association, and instrumental in the organization of the Orange County Parent-Teacher Council.

He worked with many organizations, including Meals on Wheels, the United Negro College Fund, and the NAACP. He has a distinguished record of serving in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize one of our native sons with this post office designation, and I urge support of this measure, as amended.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, with a final word of thanks to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BROWN), I would urge all of our colleagues to join us in supporting this legislation.

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 New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the

rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4399, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

EDDIE MAE STEWARD POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4400) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office Building," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4400

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

SECTION 1. EDDIE MAE STEWARD POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Eddie Mae Steward Post Office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

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 H.R. 4400.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, as we heard just previously, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) has once again brought to us a postal designation that I think is certainly meritorious and deserves the support of every Member of this House of Representatives. And I thank her and commend her for that work and also for bringing with her the Members of the House delegation in its entirety from the State of Florida for support of this legislation.