

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

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered.

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.

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#### JIM RICHARDSON POST OFFICE

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1505) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2127 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Jim Richardson Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1505

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

#### SECTION 1. JIM RICHARDSON POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2127 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Jim Richardson 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 Jim Richardson Post Office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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 now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1505 has been introduced by our esteemed colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT), and it designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2127 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina as the "Jim Richardson Post Office Building."

Mr. Speaker, State Senator Jim Richardson of Charlotte, North Carolina was a venerable public servant who deserves acknowledgment by this House. Mr. Richardson earned one term as a State representative, followed by 4 terms in the Senate of the Tarheel State. His time serving in the North Carolina State legislature followed a

distinguished 33-year career with the United States Postal Service. He reached the rank of postmaster in Mount Holly, North Carolina, and was recognized with a Postal Service Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding career. By all accounts, Jim Richardson was one of the most friendly and most wonderful men one would ever meet.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, I understand that Mr. Richardson was diagnosed with cancer 3 years ago and he is conducting a brave fight. I know I speak for all Members when I say that the thoughts and prayers of this entire House are with Mr. Richardson and his family.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I urge all Members to support the adoption of H.R. 1505. I want to thank our colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT), for introducing this meaningful measure.

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

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

As ranking member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I join my colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) in the consideration of H.R. 1505, a bill which names a U.S. postal facility located at 2127 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina after Jim Richardson. This bill was introduced by our friend and colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT), on March 27, 2003.

For the benefit of my colleagues, H.R. 1505 has met the committee cosponsorship requirement and has the support and sponsorship of the entire North Carolina State congressional delegation.

Mr. James Franklin Richardson, Sr., was born in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1926. After attending elementary and high school in Charlotte, Mr. Richardson went on to join the United States Navy and fought in World War II. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy, Mr. Richardson attended and graduated from Johnson C. Smith University with a bachelor of science degree in physical education and general science. Upon graduation, Mr. Richardson began a 33-year career with the United States Postal Service.

During his tenure with the Postal Service, Jim Richardson served as a service clerk and a postal supervisor. He spent his last 8 years with the Postal Service as postmaster in Mount Holly, North Carolina. Before he retired, Jim Richardson had received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Service, in "Recognition of Exceptional Performance in the Interest of Improved Postal Service."

In 1985, Jim was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives where he served one 2-year term before being elected to the North Carolina Senate. He served 4 terms in the Senate before he retired and was elected to the Mecklenburg County Commission where he served for 6 years.

During his years in public service, Jim Richardson was known for operating in a bipartisan manner and working hard to improve and promote his community. He always held true to his convictions and continued to fight the good fight. This fight continues today as Jim battles against cancer.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DANNY DAVIS), the ranking member of the Postal Task Force, for getting this bill to the House Floor. I also commend my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) for seeking to honor the incredible contributions made by Jim Richardson to his community, and I urge the swift passage of this measure.

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

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1505.

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.

#### NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE AND RECONCILIATION SUPPORT ACT OF 2003

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1208) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 of United States contributions to the International Fund for Ireland, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1208

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Northern Ireland Peace and Reconciliation Support Act of 2003".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States has been effectively engaged in the Northern Ireland peace process through both participating in negotiations and contributing to the economic development of the region.

(2) Both the Government of Ireland and the Irish people and the Government of the United Kingdom and the British people are long-standing friends of the United States and the American people.

(3) In 1986, the United States, in support of the Agreement Between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom ("Anglo-Irish Agreement") dated November 15, 1985, initiated annual contributions to the International Fund for Ireland ("International Fund") to help bolster economic development and support programs that would foster peace and reconciliation in