

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of majority and minority leaders of the Senate and Speaker minority leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, as amended by Public Law 108-349, announces the joint re-designation of the following individual, as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Susan S. Robfogel of New York.

The Chair, on behalf of the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, as amended by Public Law 108-349, announces the joint reappointment of the following individual as members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Barbara L. Camens of the District of Columbia and Roberta L. Holzwarth of Illinois.

DESIGNATING THE "ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, SR., POST OFFICE BUILDING"

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1760 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1760) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr., Post Office Building."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today in support of H.R. 1760, which would name a Post Office in Madison, WI as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building." This passage of this legislation is timely, coming shortly before what would have been La Follette's 150th birthday next month.

Robert La Follette was born into a farming family in Primrose, WI, on June 14, 1855. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, he served as the District Attorney for Dane County. He would go on to serve the State of Wisconsin as a Congressman, the Governor, and a U.S. Senator. Throughout his career, he fought on behalf of the people, not the politics. He truly embodied the "fighting" spirit of the people of Wisconsin.

As Governor, La Follette instituted direct primary elections, allowing the people to choose their representatives, rather than having the party leaders chose them. His reform efforts in the State, and his excellent speaking style, placed him in the national spotlight. In 1906, La Follette joined the U.S. Senate, where he would remain until his death in 1925.

It was as a U.S. Senator that La Follette truly launched a national pro-

gressive movement. He protested the corruption of government and the influence of large corporations on political leaders. He argued in favor of women's suffrage, worker's rights and racial equality. He fought for economic and social reform to remove power from the few and place it in the hands of the many.

La Follette's fighting spirit and drive for reform have prevented him from falling out of the Nation's consciousness. Nowhere is this truer than in Wisconsin, the State he served so tirelessly for more than 30 years. His legacy is alive in the people of Wisconsin, who so often embody his pioneering spirit of reform. His legacy is alive in the United States Senate, where we continue to fight for honesty in politics. For all these reasons, I urge my colleague to join me in support of H.R. 1760, to commemorate the legacy, and celebrate the life of Robert "Fighting Bob" La Follette.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1760) was read the third time and passed.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OKLAHOMA INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 159, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 159) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and its members' vital contribution to the oil and gas industry of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I rise in support of this resolution recognizing the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association on its 50th anniversary and also recognizing its members' vital contribution to the oil and gas industry of the United States.

The Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association—OIPA—was founded by Roy Woods on January 13, 1955. Roy Woods and other founders possessed the leadership and vision to establish a unified voice for independent crude oil and natural gas producers.

The founders were independent oil and natural gas producers, and its membership still comprises independents, both large and small.

OIPA is my State's largest oil and gas advocacy group, representing over 1,500 member companies in the crude oil and natural gas exploration/production industry, as well as affiliated busi-

nesses. OIPA is also a member of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

OIPA's mission is to enhance and protect the ability of Oklahoma's independent oil and natural gas producers to conduct their business and to ensure a strong energy supply.

OIPA is a proactive and diverse organization striving to provide a broad range of services to its members and the industry it supports.

OIPA has worked successfully on behalf of Oklahoma independent producers on State and national issues, advocating for State and national governmental policies that protect and enhance the Oklahoma independent producers' ability to do business.

Most recently, I have worked with OIPA in the introduction of the Natural Gas Production Act of 2005—S. 926, which I introduced, that would extend section 29 to include natural gas produced from depths below 15,000 feet. This bill is strongly supported by OIPA members and I thank them for their support.

The Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association has been and will continue to be an invaluable asset in developing and promoting the oil and gas industry in the United States.

I am introducing this resolution as an expression of my appreciation. I congratulate the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association for its 50-year history and its contributions to the oil and gas industry in Oklahoma and the United States.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 159) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 159

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association was founded and incorporated in the State of Oklahoma on January 13, 1955;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association was founded by independent oil and natural gas producers, and its membership is still comprised of independent producers, both large and small;

Whereas the founders of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association possessed the leadership and vision to establish a unified voice for independent crude oil and natural gas producers;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is the largest oil and gas advocacy group in the State, representing over 1,500 member companies in the crude oil and natural gas exploration and production industry and affiliated businesses;

Whereas the mission of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is to enhance and protect the ability of independent oil and natural gas producers in Oklahoma to conduct their business and to ensure energy supply;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is a rarity in State oil and