

DESIGNATING THE ALBERT H.
QUIE POST OFFICE (H.R. 3989)

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3989, a bill to designate the U.S. Post Office in Dennison, Minnesota as the "Albert H. Quie Post Office."

It is appropriate that we honor this special Minnesotan, who served our great state and Nation in the U.S. Navy during World War II and as State Senator, Congressman, and Minnesota Governor. It is especially fitting that the

Post Office in Dennison, MN will carry his name. Al Quie grew up on a farm outside of Dennison and attended school in nearby Nerstrand and Northfield. His family and the community he lived in instilled in him a sense of service that is still with him today.

Governor Quie led a distinguished career in many respects, one that was especially important to me as a student living in his Congressional district. As a long-time member of the House Education Committee, he created a special legacy in the area of education and advocated tirelessly for quality education programs for America's children. His leadership in public education is still respected in Minnesota, where he is often asked to share his

vision for education at meetings and conferences.

This devout Lutheran left another legacy in Congress when he helped start the Congressional Prayer Breakfast for his colleagues. Forty-seven years later, Members still enjoy this weekly tradition.

Mr. Quie was elected to Congress in 1958 and ten succeeding Congresses, but I remember most fondly his election in 1972. The 26th Amendment had just been ratified, giving me and other 18 year-olds the right to vote. I cast my vote for Albert Quie, a vote I am still proud of today.

Thank you for your fine service, Governor Quie, and for inspiring a spirit of service in others.