

Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shuster
Simmons
Simpson
Slaughter
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Sodrel
Solis
Souder
Spratt
Stark
Stearns

NOT VOTING—43

Beauprez
Brown (OH)
Carson
Clay
Cummings
Davis (FL)
Davis, Tom
DeFazio
Dicks
Engel
Evans
Ford
Fossella
Green (WI)
Gutierrez

□ 1854

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: “A Bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, as the ‘Joshua A. Terando Morris Post Office Building’.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING NATIONAL MONUMENT AT WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE TO COMMEMORATE AND MOURN EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 26, 1993, AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 175.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 175, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 394, nays 0, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 437]
YEAS—394

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldwin
Barrett (SC)
Barrow
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Bass
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehkert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonner
Bono
Boozman
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd
Bradley (NH)
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Butterfield
Buyer
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Campbell (CA)
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carter
Case
Castle
Chabot
Chandler
Chocola
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Coble
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Cramer
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Cuellar
Culberson
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (KY)
Davis (TN)
Davis, Jo Ann
Deal (GA)
DeGette
DeLahunt
DeLauro

Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Platts
Poe
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Putnam
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reyes
Reynolds
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Salazar
Sánchez, Linda
T.

NOT VOTING—38

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Gutierrez

□ 1912

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall votes 436 and 437.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from Washington on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. As a result, I was not recorded for rollcall votes Nos. 436 and 437. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall Nos. 436 and 437.

DARFUR

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is, without a doubt, that the supposed agreement on Darfur in

Sudan that was supposed to bring some reconciliation and relief to the Darfuri refugees is of little value at this time. The agreement is crumbling, the refugees are desperate, and, frankly, I think it is crucial that we rely more upon the Members of this body asking the administration to again intercede.

We understand that there has been an envoy that has been sent, but there is no understanding of his or her purpose to be able to solidify this agreement that is falling apart. It would be far better for this Congress to address this as a collective body, because it is urgent. It is a crisis. The Darfuri refugees are suffering. There is violence and there is no relief.

There needs to be more funding for the African Union peacekeepers. The U.N. needs to be in place. And, frankly, scores by independent polling surveys should not be the answer to the solution for saving those in Sudan.

AFFORDABLE RURAL HOUSING

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

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of increasing the availability and affordability and quality of rural housing in the United States. It is a long time coming.

To move towards this goal, I have introduced two pieces of legislation. H.R. 5896, the Housing Assistance Council Authorization Act of 2006, authorizes \$10 million for HAC in fiscal year 2007 and \$15 million for fiscal years 2008 through 2012. This will enable the council to further improve housing conditions for the rural poor, particularly the poorest of the poor in the most rural places in the United States.

H.R. 6044, the Rural Housing and Economic Development Enhancement Act of 2006, authorizes \$30 million for the RHED program in fiscal year 2007 and \$40 million for fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage members of the Congressional Rural Housing Caucus and all of my other colleagues in the House of Representatives to cosponsor these bills.

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It will also enable "HAC" to offer additional services to public, nonprofit, and private organizations throughout the rural United States.

H.R. 6044, the "Rural Housing and Economic Development Enhancement Act of

2006," authorizes \$30 million for the RHED program in fiscal year 2007 and \$40 million for fiscal year 2008 through fiscal year 2012.

These authorizations will help the program provide additional funding to increase and improve capacity building at the State and local level and support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage the members of the Congressional Rural Housing Caucus, and all my other colleagues in the House of Representatives, to cosponsor these bills.

They will both improve rural housing and the lives of our constituents in rural areas. I ask that letters of support and a copy of the bills be made a part of the RECORD.

RURAL HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
Provo, UT, August 14, 2006.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,
*House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA: Thank you for writing and introducing H.R. 5896, which will authorize funding support for the Housing Assistance Council (HAC). Our nonprofit agency, Rural Housing Development Corporation, has worked with the Housing Assistance Council for several years. HAC helps local organizations such as ours build affordable housing. Our experience with HAC has been tremendous as we have received several SHOP awards since 1999. I have also attended the last three housing conferences held by HAC every other year in Washington, D.C. and appreciate the valuable information and networking provided.

I also thank you for your outstanding leadership on housing issues and your creation of the Congressional Rural Housing Caucus.

Sincerely,

BRAD BISHOP,
Executive Director.

COMITE DE BIEN ESTAR, INC.,
San Luis, AZ, August 7, 2006.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,
*House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA: Thank you for writing and introducing H.R. 5896, which will authorize funding support for the Housing Assistance Council (HAC). The Comité de Bien Estar has worked with the Housing Assistance Council for seven years. HAC helps local organizations such as ours build affordable housing.

Our experience with HAC has been mutually beneficial. We were able to acquire SHOP funds for our second Self Help Housing grant from USDA Rural Development only two years after becoming a Self Help grantee. These funds have been used to help us acquire land for development of infrastructure and lots for the Self Help program. We are currently using a \$660,000 SHOP loan for our eighth subdivision where 174 self help families will build their homes over the next three years. The SHOP conversion funds we have are going to help develop an 80-acre subdivision exclusively for the Self Help program families.

Thank you also for your outstanding leadership on housing issues and your creation of the Congressional Rural Housing Caucus.

Sincerely,

JOHN MCGRADY.

FLORIDA HOME PARTNERSHIP,
Ruskin, FL, August 3, 2006.

Re H.R. 5896 funding for the Housing Assistance Council.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,
*House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA: Thank you for writing and introducing H.R. 5896, which

will authorize funding support for the Housing Assistance Council (HAC). Florida Home Partnership, Inc. has worked with the Housing Assistance Council for seven years. HAC has provided our agency with much needed technical assistance and capacity building during our ongoing relationship. Many of the agencies we work with receive similar assistance from HAC.

We build in excess of fifty homes per year utilizing the USDA self-help housing method in rural Hillsborough County Florida. Over the years, we have received over \$3,000,000 in SHOP dollars via HAC. This has helped fund 450 homes which have either been delivered, are in construction, or in the site development process.

HAC has provided us with construction bonding, capacity building grants, extensive training, and technical assistance. In our capacity as a sub-recipient of HAC SHOP funds, we have been able to retain a portion of SHOP funds. This has allowed us to leverage these dollars and obtain alternate funding.

In addition, the return portion of HAC's SHOP funds, has allowed us to establish an identity as an organization with a positive net worth. This net worth has built gradually over the last seven years.

Thank you also for your outstanding leadership on housing issues and your creation of the Congressional Rural Housing Caucus.

Respectfully,

EARL ALLEN PFEIFFER,
Executive Director.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF SOUTH TEXAS, INC.,
McAllen, TX, July 31, 2006.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,
*House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA: Thank you for introducing H.R. 5896, a bill to authorize funding for the Housing Assistance Council ("HAC"). McAllen Affordable Homes and the Community Development Corporation of South Texas strongly support Congressional funding for the Housing Assistance Council. HAC helps local organizations such as ours build affordable housing, particularly in the rural areas. While our experience with HAC is relatively short compared to countless other local Community Development groups around the country, the assistance that HAC provides the local groups working in the most difficult areas of our country is critical. As your district office here in the Valley can attest to, the assistance that HAC recently provided to us has made a significant impact in our communities, including your hometown of Mercedes.

Furthermore, I would also like to thank you for the kind words you sent along during our anniversary reception for MAHI (30 years) and CDCST (5 years). Salomon Torres shared with the audience your appreciation and respect to our founders for the vision that they had 30 years ago. I, of course, proudly mentioned that you hosted the organizational meeting responsible for kicking off the CDCST and we proudly list you as a valued Advisory Board Member.

Thank you for your outstanding leadership on housing issues and your creation of the Congressional Rural Housing Caucus.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. CALVILLO,
Executive Director.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL,
Washington, DC, July 27, 2006.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,
*House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA: Thank you very much for authoring and introducing