

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

The United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse".

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse".

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill, H.R. 2913, introduced by the gentlelady from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN), to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse".

Judge Sidney M. Aronovitz served as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida for 21 years. Aronovitz was born in Key West, Florida, on June 20, 1920. After graduating from Key West High School in 1937, he went on to attend the University of Florida where he was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in 1942, and a law degree, with honors, in 1943. Aronovitz went on to serve as a U.S. Army captain from 1943 to 1946, earning multiple distinctions, including a Bronze Star.

Between 1943 and 1976, Aronovitz served as a lawyer in private practice in Miami, Florida. He also served as a City Commissioner from 1962 to 1966, holding the position of Vice-Mayor in 1965. In 1976, President Gerald Ford nominated Sidney M. Aronovitz to serve as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Judge Aronovitz was commissioned on September 21, 1976, and served as a U.S. District Court Judge until his death in 1997. In addition, he periodically sat on the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, and served on the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court from 1988 to 1992.

Judge Aronovitz served with distinction and it is fitting that we honor him today with this designation.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2913.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**PRIVILEGED REPORT ON RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Mr. COHEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted an adverse privileged report (Rept. No. 111-242) on the resolution (H. Res. 636) directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession relating to the transfer or release of detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, into the United States, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

**SUPPORTING NATIONAL SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK**

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Ways and Means be dis-

charged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 662) supporting the goals and ideals of "National Save for Retirement Week", including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles as important tools for personal savings and retirement financial security, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

**H. RES. 662**

Whereas people in the United States are living longer and the cost of retirement continues to rise, in part because the number of employers providing retiree health coverage continues to decline, and retiree health care costs continue to increase at a rapid pace;

Whereas Social Security remains the bedrock of retirement income for the great majority of the people of the United States, but was never intended by Congress to be the sole source of retirement income for families;

Whereas recent data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicates that, in the United States, less than 2/3 of workers or their spouses are currently saving for retirement and that the actual amount of retirement savings of workers lags far behind the amount that will be needed to adequately fund their retirement years;

Whereas saving for one's retirement is a key component to overall financial health and security during retirement years;

Whereas many workers may not be aware of their options for saving for retirement or may not have focused on the importance of, and need for, saving for their own retirement;

Whereas many employees have available to them through their employers access to defined benefit and defined contribution plans to assist them in preparing for retirement, yet many of them may not be taking advantage of employer-sponsored defined contribution plans at all or to the full extent allowed by the plans as prescribed by Federal law;

Whereas many workers who are saving for retirement in tax-preferred vehicles have experienced declines in their account values as a result of the recent economic downturn and market decline, making continued contributions all the more important;

Whereas all workers, including public- and private-sector employees, employees of tax-exempt organizations, and self-employed individuals, can benefit from increased awareness of the need to develop personal budgets and financial plans including retirement savings strategies, and to take advantage of the availability of tax-preferred savings vehicles to assist them in saving for retirement; and

Whereas October 18 through October 24, 2009, has been designated as "National Save for Retirement Week": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of "National Save for Retirement Week", including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles as important tools for personal savings and retirement financial security;

(2) supports the need to raise public awareness of efficiently utilizing substantial tax revenues that currently subsidize retirement savings, revenues estimated to be in excess

of \$120,400,000,000 for the 2008 fiscal year budget;

(3) supports the need to raise public awareness of the importance of saving adequately for retirement, and the availability of tax-preferred employer-sponsored retirement savings vehicles; and

(4) calls on the States, localities, schools, universities, nonprofit organizations, businesses, other entities, and the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities with the goal of increasing retirement savings for all the people of the United States.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT REGULATION COMPACT AMENDMENTS**

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

**S.J. RES. 19**

Whereas Congress in title VI of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (section 601, Public Law 110-432) authorized the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority subject to certain conditions, including that no amounts may be provided until specified amendments to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact have taken effect;

Whereas legislation enacted by the State of Maryland (Chapter 111, 2009 Laws of the Maryland General Assembly), the Commonwealth of Virginia (Chapter 771, 2009 Acts of Assembly of Virginia), and the District of Columbia (D.C. Act 18-0095) contain the amendments to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact specified by the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (section 601, Public Law 110-432); and

Whereas the consent of Congress is required in order to implement such amendments: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. CONSENT OF CONGRESS TO COMPACT AMENDMENTS.**

(a) CONSENT.—Consent of Congress is given to the amendments of the State of Maryland, the amendments of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the amendments of the District of Columbia to sections 5, 9 and 18 of title III of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

(b) AMENDMENTS.—The amendments referred to in subsection (a) are substantially as follows: