

Award in recognition of his long service to scouting programs. Mr. Hillyard was also active in the Lion's Club of Smithfield and was awarded their Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award in 1974.

As my colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts, has mentioned, Mr. Hillyard was appointed postmaster of Smithfield's post office in 1934, and at that time there was no home delivery for citizens of that town. He was so active, as my colleague has mentioned, that he was elected president of the Postmasters Association in 1952. And under his leadership and direction, the Smithfield post office grew in size and was able to start home delivery and other services.

Throughout his life, Mr. Hillyard was a central figure in Smithfield, dedicating his life to the advancement of that city. He did live a long life and passed away in 1992 at the age of 99.

As my colleague has mentioned, this is a very worthwhile and appropriate piece of legislation. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3767.

Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers and will yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's kind words.

I would ask all our Members to join with Representative ROB BISHOP of Utah in supporting this very deserving resolution to name this post office on behalf of W. Hazen Hillyard.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3767.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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EXTENDING AUTHORITY FOR RELOCATION EXPENSES

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1825) to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1825

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

SECTION 1. RELOCATION EXPENSES TEST PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5739 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3);

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting “or extended” after “approved”; and

(B) by inserting “or extension” after “of the program”;

(3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(c)(1) An agency authorized to conduct a test program under subsection (a) shall annually submit a report on the results of the program to date to the Administrator.

“(2) Not later than 3 months after completion of a test program, the agency conducting the program shall submit a final report on the results of the program to the Administrator and the appropriate committees of Congress.”;

(4) in subsection (d), by striking “10” and inserting “12”; and

(5) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

“(e)(1) The Administrator may not approve any test program for an initial period of more than 4 years.

“(2)(A) Upon the request of the agency administering a test program, the Administrator may extend the program.

“(B) An extension under subparagraph (A) may not exceed 4 years.

“(C) The Administrator may exercise more than 1 extension under subparagraph (A) with respect to any test program.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on December 18, 2009.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I present Senate bill 1825 for consideration. This legislation will grant the General Services Administration the permanent authority to approve Federal agency requests to operate programs that test alternative methods of compensating employees for relocation and travel expenses.

Senate 1825 was introduced on October 21, 2009, by Senator Joe LIEBERMAN of Connecticut, and it was favorably reported by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on November 4, 2009. In addition, the legislation passed the United States Senate by unanimous consent on November 9, 2009.

Mr. Speaker, the General Services Administration was granted the authority to approve Federal agency travel and relocation expenses test programs via the Travel Transportation Reform Act of 1998. Through the test programs facilitated by the act, Federal agencies have been able to test new and innovative methods of reim-

bursing relocation and travel expenses in order to enhance cost savings for the Federal Government. Notably, the current authority granted to the General Services Administration is scheduled to expire in December of 2009.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1825 will therefore ensure that agencies will continue to have the flexibility to use the compensation methods with respect to relocation and travel costs that work best for them and that are in the best interests of the Federal Government. In addition, I would like to note that according to the Congressional Budget Office, the net impact of S. 1825 on the Federal budget would not be significant.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting Mr. LIEBERMAN and S. 1825.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1825, which would make permanent the authority of the U.S. General Services Administration to approve Federal agencies' requests to operate programs to test alternative methods of compensating employees for relocation and travel expenses. This bill passed the Senate on November 9 by unanimous consent. GSA's current authority to authorize such a program would have otherwise expired in December of this year.

By acting now we are allowing successful test programs to continue to operate and are giving GSA authority to approve more of them. Many of these relocation expense test programs have been successful in not only making government run more efficiently but also in achieving cost savings. Other provisions of this bill would expand the number of test programs that can run at the same time from 10 to 12 and allow them to operate for a maximum of 8 years. Based on information from GSA and the agencies involved, CBO estimates that there would be no cost to the Federal Government if this bill is passed.

Unfortunately, these relocation and travel expense programs have been subject to major scandals over the past few years, and each and every agency should watch these expenses very closely; and, hopefully, these test programs will lead to a closer and more honest accounting of this type of money for the Federal Government and for our taxpayers.

At a time when the Federal deficit is soaring, it is important that we continue successful programs that make the government more efficient and hopefully save money.

I urge my colleagues to support S. 1825.

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

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for his kind words. Again I ask all the Members from both sides of the

aisle to join with Senator LIEBERMAN in supporting Senate 1825.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1825.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PATRICIA D. MCGINTY-JUHL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3539) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3539

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

SECTION 1. PATRICIA D. MCGINTY-JUHL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, shall be known and designated as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building".

(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 "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add any extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present H.R. 3539 for consideration. This legislation will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building."

H.R. 3539 was introduced by my friend and colleague, Representative Albio Sires, on September 8, 2009, and favorably reported out of the House Oversight Committee by unanimous consent on October 29, 2009. In addition, this legislation enjoys the support of the entire New Jersey House delegation.

A native of the town of Harrison, New Jersey, Patricia McGinty-Juhl dedicated the majority of her life to public service as an employee of the United States Postal Service for over 33 years.

Ms. McGinty-Juhl began her distinguished career with the postal service in 1973 as a distribution clerk at the New York International and Bulk Mail Center located in Jersey City, New Jersey. During her more than three decades of service, Ms. McGinty-Juhl also served in a variety of personnel and benefits positions with the Postal Service Human Resources Division, as well as in the Government Relations Department at postal headquarters as a congressional liaison.

Most recently, in recognition of her tremendous talent and admirable dedication to her coworkers, Ms. McGinty-Juhl served as western area manager of human resources from April of 2001 until her unexpected passing on October 16, 2006.

In remembrance of Ms. McGinty-Juhl's life and career, United States Postmaster General Jack Potter offered the following tribute upon the untimely passing of this dedicated postal employee: "Patti will be greatly missed, both as a manager and as a warm and giving person. She made a difference for the postal service and for our employees."

Mr. Speaker, let us take this opportunity to honor Ms. Patricia McGinty-Juhl for her 33 years of public service by designating the Harrison Avenue postal facility in Harrison, New Jersey, in her honor.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3539.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3539, which designates the United States postal facility located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building."

Patricia McGinty-Juhl, a native of Harrison, New Jersey, had an impressive and distinguished career with the United States Postal Service for 33 years as a manager and executive. While working in the human resources office, she was instrumental in overseeing affirmative action issues on behalf of employees as the district women's program coordinator. As a result of her work, she was offered a position at the U.S. Postal Service headquarters in Washington as the national women's program manager.

Once in Washington, Ms. McGinty-Juhl continued to impress those who worked with her. As a result of her work ethic and leadership skills, she was offered the position of government relations liaison to congressional offices. The Postmaster General, Jack Potter, often spoke of Ms. McGinty-Juhl as an outstanding manager and a warm and giving person.

Ms. McGinty-Juhl passed away at her home in 2006.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3539 and recognizing Ms. McGinty-Juhl's dedication to the betterment of the United States Postal Service.

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

Mr. LYNCH. I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for his kind remarks.

Mr. Speaker, again I urge my colleagues to join with Representative ALBIO SIRES from New Jersey in honoring Ms. Patricia McGinty-Juhl to the passage of H.R. 3539.

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3539 which would designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office."

Born and raised in Harrison, New Jersey, Mrs. McGinty-Juhl had a long and distinguished career with the Postal Service that spanned over 33 years. Her professional accomplishments serving New Jersey included clerking at the New York International Bulk Mail Center in Jersey City, a variety of Personnel and Benefits positions within Human Resources, and the District Women's Program Coordinator working on affirmative action activities on behalf of all employees. Later she became the National Women's Program Manager at USPS National Headquarters as National Women's Program Manager.

In recognition of her enormous talent and ability to work with people, Mrs. McGinty-Juhl was offered a position in Government Relations serving as the Government Relations Liaison to Congressional offices. She later moved over to the Human Resource Department at Postal Service Headquarters as the Program Manager, Research and Communications, where she worked with national leaders on postal issues.

She ended her career as Western Area Manager of Human Resources where she served until her death on October 16, 2006. Speaking on behalf of postal employees everywhere, Postmaster General Jack Potter gave the following tribute to Mrs. McGinty-Juhl: "Patti will be greatly missed, both as a manager and as a warm and giving person. She made a difference for the Postal Service and for our employees."

I am pleased to celebrate this dedicated civil servant through this legislation. I cannot think of a better way to honor Mrs. McGinty-Juhl's legacy than by designating a U.S. Postal Office in her name—a place in which she devoted her life's work.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3539.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.