

help of their committee and for allowing us to bring this to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4658, which is legislation to rename the U.S. post office building in Fayetteville, North Carolina as the J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building.

I would like to thank my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), for all of the untiring efforts the gentleman has given and in helping us put this together to bring it to the floor today. I want to thank all the Members, both Republican and Democrat, from our delegation in North Carolina for their support in this manner as well.

Born in 1935, J.L. Dawkins moved to Fayetteville 2 years later and lived there until his untimely death last month. In 1957, J.L. entered public service winning the first of six terms on the city council. He was elected mayor in 1987. J.L. served seven consecutive terms and became affectionately known as "mayor for life" in the City of Fayetteville.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Dawkins earned this distinction because his public service was exemplified by three attributes that I think we all would do well to follow, inspiration and imagination and innovation.

J.L.'s decision to serve first of all was inspired by his firm belief in doing his best to make life better for others. His was an inspiration that was contagious to those who served with him and those who benefitted from his tireless leadership.

Second, Mayor Dawkins' imagination propelled him to convey an attitude of home and optimism for a better Fayetteville. His was an imagination which led to growth and prosperity for this wonderful city.

Third, Mayor Dawkins' innovation to build a city for all the people will be his lasting legacy. His was an innovative attitude that those of us in public service should all aspire to emulate. Truly he was a man of inspiration, of imagination, and of innovation.

If we all will recall for a moment. During the writing of the U.S. Constitution, Benjamin Franklin looked at the back of the chair in which George Washington had been sitting and sought to determine if that half sun painted on the back of the chair was a rising or a setting sun. And, indeed, he stood up, of course, and in his famous remarks said that, sir, at long last he had arrived at the conclusion that it was indeed a rising sun for our Nation whose rays of influence now literally touch every corner of the world.

Mr. Speaker, much like Ben Franklin, Mayor Dawkins was full of optimism and always could see a rising sun on the City of Fayetteville and the nearby Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base that so many of us are proud of, and as a member of the Committee on

Armed Services and as the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) is, we are proud to represent this area of Cumberland County.

Mr. Dawkins was always looking to expand the vision and the horizons for Fayetteville, and may God grant that all of us will be inspired by his inspiration and imagination and innovation that Mayor Dawkins brought to his job every day.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4658 and honor the life, the service and the legacy of this fine Christian gentleman, this distinguished public servant, a true giant of a man, a leader among leaders, J.L. Dawkins.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a final thanks to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE) who we have heard from today and thank them for their cosponsorship.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4658.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4658.

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

There was no objection.

BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4169) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4169

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

SECTION 1. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000

Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich 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 "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

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

Mr. Speaker, as we just heard in the bill previous to H.R. 4169, we had the opportunity to recognize the contributions of a gentleman who focused his very considerable talents and dedicated his many, many contributions to the great community of Fayetteville.

Mr. Speaker, on this piece of legislation, we have an opportunity to single out an individual who served in a somewhat broader arena, who also contributed and sacrificed. I want to thank the gentleman from the great State of Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS), my friend and colleague, for his sponsorship of this bill that seeks to honor the former Member of this House, Barbara Vucanovich by naming the facility located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada as the Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building.

As with the previous initiative, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) has struck out and had each Member of the State delegation of Nevada become cosponsors of this, and by struck out, of course, I meant to seek out and to successfully achieve that objective.

Mrs. Vucanovich's achievements are well-known to many of us in this House. Those of us from New York have some perhaps additional reasons for pride, because, indeed, she grew up, spent many of her formative years in our great State capitol, in Albany, but clearly to many of us, her finest hours were upon this floor and in our committee rooms where she served from 1983 until 1997.

Mr. Speaker, her achievements, her dedication, particularly to Nevadans is well-known. She spent a great deal of effort trying to work on issues involving such issues as Federal wilderness, national park policy, public land use and nuclear waste disposal, to name just a few. Her retirement left this House somewhat poorer in that we no longer had her here as an everyday presence to help this great body in its deliberations. But clearly we can this afternoon, and I would hope we would, in fact, honor those contributions that she so selflessly extended through her service on the Committees of Interior and Insular Affairs, the Committee on House Administration and certainly amongst the more important efforts as

chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction.

It is always a special moment when we can extend this kind of honor to a former colleague. I, again, want to thank the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) for his efforts and certainly urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4169 and would join in the remarks made by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH). This is an appropriate honor for a former colleague.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I mentioned the gentleman who did so much good work on this legislation. We are pleased that the gentleman is able to be with us here at this moment, and I happily yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, first, I would like to thank my colleagues and friends, both the chairman of the Subcommittee on Postal Service, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) for their hard work on, and continued dedication in bringing this important bill to the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Mr. Speaker, on April 4, I introduced H.R. 4169 to designate the post office located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada as the Barbara G. Vucanovich Post Office Building.

As the current congressman, Mr. Speaker, representing the Second Congressional District of Nevada, I have the distinct honor and, may I say, great challenge of following Barbara Vucanovich in Congress.

Mrs. Vucanovich retired from Congress after serving 14 years as the representative of one of the most diverse and vast congressional districts in this country.

As Nevada's very first female representative in Congress, she focused on a variety of issues important to Nevadans, including Federal wilderness and national park policy, as we have heard earlier, public land use and nuclear waste policy issues that affected the State of Nevada.

In 1997, Mrs. Vucanovich retired as a senior Member of Congress, having served on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the Committee on House Administration and the chairman of the very powerful Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction.

The designation of the U.S. post office in Mrs. Vucanovich's hometown of Reno, Nevada would be a wonderful tribute to her tireless work and unfail-

ing dedication to the citizens of the great State of Nevada.

Mr. Speaker, echoing the remarks of Nevada's Governor Kenny Guinn, "I can think of few individuals who have devoted their lives to the people of Nevada in the manner that Barbara Vucanovich has over her many years of public service. She has served her community as a volunteer, government worker, and elected official. She has always fought hard for the people she represented."

Mrs. Vucanovich's dedicated service to her Nation is well-known throughout the halls of Congress. Mrs. Vucanovich's long history in this body as represented by the many colleagues on both sides of the aisle who still today call Barbara their friend. Many of my colleagues here today served alongside of Barbara Vucanovich and still remember with great fondness her distinguished career and outstanding achievements here in this body.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my pleasure to lead this effort to recognize my predecessor, former Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich, for her distinguished service in Congress and long-standing commitment to the citizens of the State of Nevada, as well as to our Nation as a whole.

I would like to encourage all of my colleagues to join with me today to honor former Congressman Vucanovich and pass H.R. 4169.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), my colleague and friend, for yielding me the time.

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Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY).

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bill to designate a post office in Reno, Nevada as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building".

Barbara was the very first woman elected to Congress from the great State of Nevada, and she blazed a trail for women during her seven terms of Congress. She once lived in the congressional district that I have the honor of representing when she attended Manhattan College of Sacred Heart in New York City from 1938 through 1939, long before many women were routinely attending college.

I have very fond memories of working with Barbara Vucanovich on many bills before this Congress. In fact, one of the first bills when I came to Congress was one that we worked on together which would provide for annual mammograms in Medicare. We circulated a letter together and got, I think, probably every Member of this body to sign onto it.

At that time, when a woman was 65, mammograms were covered only every

other year, which put many women at risk. It is early detection that is now saving women's lives, and it was an honor to work with her.

She cared very deeply about this issue for many reasons, one of which she was herself a breast cancer survivor. She often spoke about her experiences and really was instrumental in supporting research for breast cancer.

The bill that we worked on later became part of the balanced budget amendment and is now law. So I always think about Barbara when I read about this bill and when I think about all the breakthroughs that we are having now in breast cancer research, because she truly was a great leader in many areas. But on the Women's Caucus, I would say she was the leader on breast cancer research. Really, every woman in this country owes a great deal of gratitude for her service, for her leadership, and for her example.

So I thank very deeply the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) for introducing this bill, and I certainly urge a yes vote. It is long overdue.

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

Mr. Speaker, I join in the remarks that have been made. I have not served with the gentlewoman from Nevada. I would add just that I think it is entirely appropriate that this legislation receive a unanimous support here in the House.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4169.

The question was taken.

Mr. MCHUGH. 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, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4169.

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

There was no objection.