

I would say that our economy would not exist in the strong state that we have now along the Jersey shore were it not for Senator LAUTENBERG's efforts to provide funding for beach renourishment, to stop all the various ocean dumping sites that existed when he was first elected to the Senate. There were about 12 sites for dumping of toxic dredge materials, sludge materials, acid materials, wood burning. All these things have now passed and all these sites have been closed because of the efforts of Senator LAUTENBERG.

It is an amazing achievement over 18 years in the Senate. I only hope that this legislation, this naming of the post office, is just the first of many opportunities that we will have after he retires this year to name things after him and to make designations in his honor. Because he truly deserves it. I appreciate the fact that we here in the House have been the first to start the process with the naming of this post office today.

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to support this legislation which honors my friend and senior Senator from New Jersey, FRANK LAUTENBERG.

I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation, and applaud my colleagues, Congressman PAYNE and Congressman LOBIONDO, for bringing this important measure to the floor.

Senator LAUTENBERG is a great American and a son of my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey. Good things and great people hail from Paterson!

The son of immigrants, FRANK LAUTENBERG came from a working-class background. In fact, his father worked in the silk mills in Paterson, located around the same area where I grew up.

After graduating high school, he served the United States citizens by joining the Army Signal Corps in Europe. Upon his return, Senator LAUTENBERG began a life of public service to the citizens of the Garden State.

Along with two friends, Senator LAUTENBERG started a company that served as one of the largest employers of New Jersey workers, and helped shape the way business is conducted in America.

Automated Data Processing was and still is one of the foremost computing services companies in the world. It provides employer services to hundreds of thousands of businesses by providing the paychecks to more than 29 million wage earners each payday.

In 1982, I joined the majority of New Jersey residents in voting for FRANK LAUTENBERG to the office of Senator. We were impressed by his dedication to providing work and service in New Jersey and trusted that he would represent us well in the United States Congress.

Our gut and our vote proved right.

The impact he has had on our nation's health, safety and security is significant, and that is why we honor him today.

He is the author of laws that have shaped the lives and enriched the health and safety of Americans.

We can thank Senator LAUTENBERG for establishing 21 as the national legal drinking age, for banning smoking on airplanes and for

making it illegal for anyone convicted of domestic violence to own a gun.

A strong environmental leader, Senator LAUTENBERG also helped write the Superfund, Clean Air and Safe Drinking Water Acts.

As Ranking Democratic Member of the Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator LAUTENBERG has consistently supported sound investment in our nation's infrastructure.

Furthermore, he has worked tirelessly to secure hundreds of millions of dollars for New Jersey's highways, mass transit systems, airports and ports.

The Garden State has known this about Senator LAUTENBERG for 18 years, and I am proud to share his accomplishments with colleagues and fellow Americans who may not realize the impact that he has had on American policy and life.

So, as the great city of Newark continues to rise, it is more than appropriate that FRANK LAUTENBERG should be honored in name and reputation in this manner.

I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 4975, and am proud to join with others in recognizing the hard work and immeasurable contributions he made to the economy, quality of life, and safety for the citizens of New Jersey and America.

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers on this side, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4975.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GERTRUDE A. BARBER POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4625) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2108 East 38th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania, as the "Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4625

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

SECTION 1. GERTRUDE A. BARBER POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2108 East 38th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Gertrude A. Barber 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 "Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BARR of Georgia. 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. 4625.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the bill before us, H.R. 4625, was introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ENGLISH). The legislation designates the facility of the United States Postal Service Building located at 2108 East 38th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania as the Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building. The House delegation from the State of Pennsylvania has cosponsored this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ENGLISH).

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, this is a great privilege. Let me, first of all, thank the gentleman from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), the distinguished ranking member, who helped me shepherd this legislation through the committee and through the House of Representatives, with the unanimous support of the entire Pennsylvania delegation, because the person we are honoring today really enjoyed a Statewide reputation in Pennsylvania as an advocate of those with special needs.

With every handshake, Mr. Speaker, Dr. Gertrude Barber left an indelible mark, reflective of her compassion and caring not only for those with special needs, but everyone. This native of Erie, a community that I have lived in all of my life and which I represent, touched so many individuals. Her special gift and passion was reserved for the mentally disabled, but through that, she touched the lives of an entire community and reached out and touched many people throughout the State of Pennsylvania.

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For years, she gave all that she had and more, and she asked no less of the community in which she lived. Even when one met Dr. Gertrude Barber just once, that encounter lasted for a lifetime.

For these reasons, we as a community have decided to name the post office in Erie, on East 38th Street, the Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building. I can again proudly say that every

member of the Pennsylvania delegation has cosponsored this bill.

Dr. Barber died April 29 at the age of 88. During her life, she impacted not only Erie but our entire Nation. Her influence stretched outside of Erie into neighboring counties, States and everywhere in her path. It is inconceivable for Erie to imagine a life without Dr. Barber. There was something about this extraordinary individual that made one think that she would be around forever. To quote the Erie Times, who eulogized Dr. Barber, "She was a legend whose name and works will be with us for years to come."

Dr. Barber served more than 2,850 developmentally disabled clients not only in Erie but throughout the State of Pennsylvania. She knew everyone by name, whether it was a client, volunteer, or staff person. She knew about their lives and the challenges they faced and she truly cared.

For those of us who visited her in her office and visited her at the Dr. Gertrude Barber Center, we saw that caring very much in action. The disabled children and adults always came first with her. Whether she was walking with the Governor or even a Member of Congress, Dr. Barber would always take the time to talk to her children. After all, they were every bit as important to her and maybe even more so.

A member of a prominent and respected family in Erie, Dr. Barber became a special education teacher in 1933. Focusing on a need in our community, she opened the center that now bears her name in 1952. The Barber Center has since blossomed and flourished under her strong and thoughtful and watchful hand. The Center has dramatically improved the lives of the developmentally disabled. The Center has facilities for autistic and Down syndrome children, classrooms, a library, and many satellite sites. It has sponsored adult literacy and adult job training programs. She and her staff have worked with mental health professionals from 33 countries, many coming to see the methodologies and accomplishments of this Center.

As Dr. Barber's dream continued to expand, so did the Center. During her 48 years of service, she established many satellite sites throughout Pennsylvania, including group homes in Philadelphia and in Pittsburgh. She started with a small staff, which grew to 60 in the 1970s, and more than 1,650 across the State today.

During her lifetime she was recognized by world leaders, including Pope John Paul II, and Presidents Kennedy and Bush. President Kennedy appointed Dr. Barber as a delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth. She was also a member of his Task Force on Mental Retardation. She testified many times before Congress about the needs of people with disabilities and mental retardation.

National figures sought out her advice, and she gladly guided them.

This is the 10th anniversary of the year that the Americans With Disabilities Act was passed by Congress; and in July, 10 years ago, when President George Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law, he invited Dr. Barber to attend the ceremony. Her invitation was in recognition of the work she put into the caring for the disabled.

In 1981, she was on the planning committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons and was a delegate to the White House Conference on Education. Not only did Dr. Barber serve on countless local, State, and Federal committees, but she even established a number of local branches of national advocacy groups for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities.

She founded the Division of Mental Retardation within the Pennsylvania Federation Council for Exceptional Citizens, the Northwest Council for Exceptional Children and, in Erie County, the ARC. She also served as president of the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Citizens, the Pennsylvania Federation Council for Exceptional Citizens, and the Polk State School Board of Trustees.

In her honor, scholarships have been established at Penn State University, Gannon University, Mercyhurst College, and the University of Notre Dame. She was one of the most recognized advocates of people with special needs for generations and she made this her mission.

Dr. Barber was truly called to her life's work. She dedicated her life to the thousands of children and adults whom others often treated with disregard. She believed strongly in her dream to transform the lives of the developmentally disabled. Her dream was just one small seed planted in the broad fields of life, but she loved it and protected it. She believed in her dream until it grew and blossomed and gave great joy. She proved without doubt that one person, one extraordinary person, can make a difference.

In the new testament, Mr. Speaker, Matthew wrote, "The house fell, for it was not founded upon a rock." Dr. Gertrude Barber was the rock on which her centers for the disabled were built and, in fact, she was the rock on which the disability community in Erie and even throughout the United States could lean. Though she has died, her ideals and her goals live on.

It is my great honor to sponsor this legislation to name a post office after her. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a remarkable woman who has taught so much to so many with her message of caring.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) for managing this bill on the

floor, and I would also like to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHUGH), and the ranking member, as I said, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), for their efforts in committee to make sure that this bill passes and becomes a reality.

I hope all my colleagues will support H.R. 4625 in recognition of this remarkable woman.

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

Let me congratulate my colleague and my good friend from the great State and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Mr. ENGLISH). He is responsible for this legislation. And appropriately so, because in his home district, in the City of Erie, the person who we honor has been so well known. But also throughout our State her work has been documented, even in the area of Philadelphia, and it is obvious that this is the type of person that a Federal facility, like a postal facility, should appropriately be named, and will in this case be named, after her.

I want to thank my colleague for introducing this legislation and ask all to support H.R. 4625.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDER). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4625.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SAMUEL P. ROBERTS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4786) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Postal Way in Carrollton, Georgia, as the "Samuel P. Roberts Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4786

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

SECTION 1. SAMUEL P. ROBERTS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Postal Way in Carrollton, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "Samuel P. Roberts 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 "Samuel P. Roberts Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from