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It is with great pride that I urge my colleagues to help me designate the aforementioned post office in Orlando as the Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make a special note that the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) will be making comments and submitting a statement for the RECORD. I also want to encourage others to join me on Sunday, Mother's Day, to participate in the Mother's Day March. There is no better way to honor mothers than a salute to mothers in support of pending legislation before this body for gun safety and to protect our children.

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It is with a great deal of pride that I urge my colleagues to help me designate the aforementioned Post Office in Orlando as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office Building." Thank you and with that I would like to yield the remainder of the time to the distinguished gentleman from Florida, Congressman HASTINGS.

SAVE OUR SURPLUS FOR DEBT REDUCTION AND TAX REBATE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last week I introduced House Resolution 490, the Save Our Surplus for Debt Reduction and Tax Rebate Resolution of 2000. I am proud of this bill in that it does something that no other bill has ever done, it provides a mid-year tax rebate to the hard-working American people.

This resolution says that Congress will direct any additional on-budget non-Social Security surplus that may be announced as early as this week or next by the Office of Management and Budget be used only for rebates to taxpayers and paying down the national debt.

Specifically, when the President introduced his budget in January, he projected a non-Social Security surplus of \$19 billion for the current year. My bill does not address what should be done with that surplus. In fact, at this time, it is unclear whether that \$19 billion will be used in a supplemental appropriations bill or for debt reduction. What my resolution deals with is any surplus in excess of that \$19 billion.

Specifically, if the OMB announces that the additional non-Social Security surplus is between \$19 billion and \$35 billion, my resolution would dedicate the entire amount over \$19 billion to debt reduction. However, if OMB projects a budget surplus of more than \$35 billion, my resolution would direct \$16 billion be equally divided and returned to the American taxpayers, with the remaining amount being used for debt reduction.

The latest speculation is that the on-budget, non-Social Security surplus will far exceed \$35 billion, meaning that this tax rebate can happen this year. And I urge my colleagues to join me in this pursuit. My plan would result in a rebate of between \$150 and \$200 to each American household. Now, some of my colleagues may not think \$150 is too much money or worth the effort. When dealing with the Federal budget and billions of dollars it might not seem like much money, but I can tell my colleagues that when it comes to the family budget, \$150 is a lot of money.

This is a prudent time to introduce and pass this common sense tax resolution. As the economy continues to grow and expand, and revenues into the U.S. Treasury have increased, we are in a time of legitimate on-budget surplus. There is a constant temptation by legislators to spend the money that comes to Washington. All of our current programs now are paid for. The big question is what to do with the left-over money.

As Ronald Reagan said, "Government does not tax to get the money it needs. Government always finds a need for the money it gets." Mr. Speaker, the money that comes to the U.S. Treasury from the American people is not the government's money. It is still the taxpayers' money, and their change should be returned.

Democrat President Grover Cleveland talked about this in his second inaugural address to the Congress in 1886. President Cleveland said, "When more of the people's substance is exacted through the form of taxation than is necessary to meet the just obligations of the government and the expense of its economical administration, such exaction becomes ruthless extortion and a violation of the fundamental principles of a free government."

In short, Mr. Speaker, the taxpayers have paid the bills in full this year. We have balanced the budget, we have locked up the Social Security surplus, we have strengthened Medicare and, yes, we are paying down the national debt. Now, let us provide the American taxpayer with their needed rebate. Let us give them their change back.

I urge my colleagues to join me along with the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMBY), and the majority whip, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), and several other