Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I thank the committee staff and the staff of the gentleman from Virginia and, in particular, the minority staff. As the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) alluded to, the extra help and assistance and cooperation they gave us, we appreciate very much.

Mr. Speaker, Kewaunee is a small city of about 3,000 people located on the shores of Lake Michigan. It is filled with good people with big dreams. Kewaunee also faces, like a number of small cities, a number of financial challenges. For several years, Kewaunee has been without the financial resources to sufficiently house basic municipal services in its city hall and police station and fire station.

Mr. Speaker, when the U.S. Army abandoned its reserve center in 1996, it created the opportunity for the local community to take on some of the challenges. Since 1996, the Kewaunee Reserve Center has worked through the GSA disposal process. It was declared excess in 1998; and since then, there has been no expression of interest to buy the building. Currently, only the City of Kewaunee has any interest in this property.

Right now the setup for municipal services in the City of Kewaunee is, to put it kindly, less than ideal. The city hall is in the old bank building with no parking or office space. The council shares office space with the business office. The police department is in the water treatment plant. The senior citizens center is in the second floor of the fire station, and the ambulance service is in the public works garage. Obviously, this is not ideal.

Mr. Speaker, people in America, especially from small towns, want government to work for them, not against them. They are looking for common sense and partnerships. This is not a big deal to the Federal Government. This building is vacant, and it will need lots of work to bring it up to suitable standards. However, it is a big deal to the City of Kewaunee. It opens new doors to the future, and allows them to reach out and capture some of those good opportunities and big dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the minority staff for all of their assistance in this special situation.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS).

Mr. DAVIS. 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. 1766.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1766 sponsored by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) would rename the Post Office at 4270 John Marr Drive in Annandale, Virginia, to honor Stan Parris, a distinguished and dedicated Republican representative from Northern Virginia.

Stan’s career in public service began as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors representing the Mason district. He later served the people of Virginia as Secretary of the Commonwealth and Director of the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Washington Liaison Office.

Stan went on to represent the Eighth Congressional District of Virginia from 1973 to 1975, and more recently from 1981 to 1991. While in Congress he was a member of the Committee on Banking, the Committee on the Interior and Insular Affairs, and the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

As the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, Stan was a vocal critic of D.C. Government policies in the 1980s and recognized the early signs of the City’s financial and organizational...
mismanagement, which eventually escalated to crisis level by the mid-1990s. Additionally, he was among the first congressional Members calling for the closure of Lorton Prison, a Federal agency charged with operating, managing and promoting maritime activity for the entire Great Lakes region of the Nation.

Mr. Davis. Congressman Parris has dedicated most of his life to serving his country in both a public and military capacity. His commitment and his devotion to public service is deserving of recognition and it is appropriate that the postal building of 4270 John Marr Drive in Annandale, Virginia, be renamed in his honor.

I urge our colleagues to join us in supporting this legislation to honor Stan Parris, by naming the post office in Annandale, Virginia, after him.

Mr. Parris is a gentleman that I did not have the pleasure of knowing. He left the Congress in 1991, long before I arrived; but I understand from reading his background that he was an outstanding Member of this body, a distinguished American; and certainly I commend my friend, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Wolf), for seeking to honor such a distinguished man and former Member of this Congress.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Wolf), for his efforts to bring this up and the other side of the aisle for their help and the gentleman from Virginia's (Mr. Tom Davis) help on passing the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleagues on the Committee on Government Reform in bringing this legislation to the floor to designate a U.S. postal building in Annandale, Virginia, to honor Congressman Stan Parris, who served Virginia's 8th Congressional District for six terms.

It is the privilege as the Representative of the 10th Congressional District to be a sponsor of this bill.

As an aside, during that period of time we would sit back over here many times and chat and talk when issues would come up. I say to Stan and we would say just back and forth, and I can almost see Stan kind of standing back there and thinking of all the conversations that we would have about issues coming up before the Congress.

Stan had a very distinguished career in serving this country, both as an elected official and as a veteran. Assisting the people he represented was the cornerstone of his service in Congress.

Congressman Parris consistently helped Federal employees and military retirees, both largely represented in Virginia's 8th district. He involved himself early and often in transportation issues, an area of considerable importance to the citizens of northern Virginia.

Congressman Parris was a vigilant defender of the taxpayer and spoke out against instances of fraud and abuse, and according to the Almanac of American Politics 1990, it said Parris was one of the earlier voices in Congress to warn of an impending crisis in the savings and loan industry, speaking out in the fall of 1985. If only the Congress had listened to Stan Parris.

He graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1958, and if my memory serves me he worked on a copy machine down in the basement of this capitol when he was working his way through law school. Winning an award for outstanding law student of the year, Congressman Parris went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force as a jet pilot during the Korean war.

He distinguished himself in combat in Korea, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster, the Purple Heart and the U.S. and Korean Presidential Citation.

It was once told to me, if you want to understand Stan Parris, read the book "Flight Stuff" because Parris was being interviewed that was a jet fighter and in many respects a war hero; and if you listen to what actually happened to him, which I will not go into, I think the body would be very impressed.

After starting out in the private sector, Congressman Parris won his first close election in 1972 as the only Republican member of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors. He then, as the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Tom Davis) said, was Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1969, Congressman Parris went on to serve as a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly for 4 years, serving as chairman for the joint House-Senate Republican caucus.

Congressman Parris went on to win the seat for northern Virginia's 8th Congressional District in 1972 in a very close election.

In 1980, Congressman Parris won a spirited and close election regaining his seat by under 1,100 votes.

I see the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Moran) across the aisle, who is ready to follow and introduce a bill to name, appropriately so, a post office down in Mount Vernon for Herb Harris.

To have the Herb Harris Post Office along with Stan Parris is very fitting because they both ably were fighters for what they believed in. They were advocates for their cause and I think really served this region very, very well.

After winning five consecutive terms, Stan Parris lost his bid for reelection in 1992, but his work and public service continued. President Bush asked him to be president of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, where he used to come before my appropriation committee, and may have been the best head of the Saint Lawrence Seaway that we have had in the history of the country.

He was responsible for overseeing the Federal agency charged with operating, managing and promoting maritime activity for the entire Great Lakes region of the Nation.
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Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS), in whose district the Stan Parris Post Office will be located. This is a very nice post office, and it is appropriate that it be named after Stan Parris; and I want to commend my other good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Wolf). It was really his idea that we name both these offices in tandem after Stan Parris and Herb Harris in true bipartisan tradition.

This one that we are speaking specifically about is that for Stan Parris, and the reason why Stan certainly deserves a post office being named after him is that he devoted his life to public service.

He was a fighter pilot during the Korean war. I am sure that that has been mentioned. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster, the Air Medal with clusters, Purple Heart and the U.S. and Korean Presidential Citations. So he really was a war hero. After he concluded his military service, he continued his commitment to public service. He was on the Fairfax Board of County Supervisors. The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) chaired that board and he knew what difficult, thankless work that can be.

He was supervisor in a particularly important transitional time in local government in Fairfax County, and he also served as a delegate in the General Assembly in Richmond for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The reason why this Congress should recognize him is his service for 12 years in the United States House of Representatives. He was on the Committee on District of Columbia; Committee on Government Operations; the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs. He was chair of the Subcommittee on Fiscal Affairs and Health, Government Operations and two succeeding Congresses.

He was elected in 1975 to the 94th Congress and two succeeding Congresses together to address the problems with building this mighty system. After leaving Congress in January 1981, Herb resumed the practice of law with the firm of Harris Ellsworth & Levin in Washington, D.C. He still resides in Mount Vernon, Virginia, today.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to thank Herb for his service to Fairfax County, the Washington metropolitan region, and to this country. I would urge adoption of this bill.

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I thank again my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS), and my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Wolf). This is a neat opportunity to recognize two very distinguished individuals.

This bill would name a post office after my good friend, Congressman Herb Harris. It will be at 8588 Richmond Highway, which is Route 1. It is a brand new post office in an area that desperately needs a post office and needs economic redevelopment, and this will provide it to that area. It is more than appropriate that we honor Herb Harris, who represented the Mount Vernon District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, became vice chairman, as the gentleman from Virginia has said, and he still lives in Mount Vernon. He is still very much involved in what goes on in that community.

He did more things for that community and for Fairfax County, and, in many ways, for the Nation, than we will ever know.

He began his public service in 1968. He was instrumental in getting funding...