for a new hospital and expanding the libraries in the Mount Vernon area and in Fairfax County. He spent a lot of time on thankless tasks, like limiting utility tax rates. He was first elected in 1975 to the Congress after serving as vice chair of the Metropolitan Washington Transit Authority, and he used that experience on the Metro board to continually push for expansion and tax rates. Mr. Speaker, I got the legislation through that approved $1.9 billion in final construction funds for the full 101-mile Metro design.

Metro is critical to the entire metropolitan Washington area. In the early days, it was a very controversial, very political issue, to bring Metro out to the suburbs and to pay the costs. You had to have a vision, and Herb had that vision.

He also promoted the rights of Federal employees. He was fiscally responsible, and he emphasized the need for future planning in terms of transportation needs. In so many areas, we find today that he was even more correct than we understood at the time in terms of meeting those transportation needs.

It was the first time in 25 years that a freshman Member of Congress was selected to serve as chairman of a subcommittee when Herb was designated as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment, Bicentennial Celebration and International Community in Washington.

It is with great gratitude that I thank Herb on behalf of the Members of this body, all the Members of this body, and really of the country, for his tireless efforts to improve the lives of Virginia’s and America’s residents. He was a forward-looking individual that was a lot of fun to work with, and he was tireless in his devotion to public service. That is why it is most appropriate that we designate the Post Office at 8588 Richmond Highway as the Herb E. Harris Post Office Building. We have Congressman Harris with us. Herb, thank you for all you did. You are so deserving of this honor.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I just have a question for the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN): Does this post office stay in the Eighth Congressional District which I once represented.

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) for this effort in helping us with this legislation, and I want to commend the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) for doing this.

Mr. Speaker, I just have a couple of comments. Herb Harris, as I said in a previous debate, was a fighter, was an advocate. I first met Herb when I was a young lawyer here in town. He was with the American Farm Bureau. Then he went on to do all the amazing things that the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) said. So it is very fitting.

Mr. Speaker, it would really be fitting for the Post Office to have these dedications of Mr. Parris’ Post Office and Mr. Harris’ Post Office on the same day. I think it would be a great sign, if you will, when Stan Parris comes to Herb Harris’ dedication and Herb Harris comes to Stan Parris’ dedication.

With that, I say congratulations, and I wish Herb the very, very best.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, Congressman Harris has informed me that the actual name of his law firm is Harris Ellsworth & Levin.

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

Mr. Speaker, I also note that Mr. Harris is a former president, as I understand it, of the Bren Mar Park Civic Association, which was in the Mason District which I once represented.

Again, let me say to Herb Harris, thank you for Metro, thank you for the Mount Vernon Hospital, thank you for your years of service as well. We look forward to the dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this measure.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAOKSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1766, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill H.R. 1766.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1766, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 362, nays 0, not voting 68, as follows:

YEAS—362
[Roll No. 336]

YEAS—362
[Roll No. 336]