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September 10, 2001

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Thompson (CA)  WATERS
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SMITH (WA)  Tilzer  WELTER
Snyder  Tonnesen  WEXLER
SOLIS  Tootey  WHITFORD
SPRAT  Traigant  WICKER
STENHOLM  Turner  WILSON
STRICKLAND  Udall (CO)  WOOLEY
STUMP  Udall (NM)  Wolf
SUSSMAN  Upton  Wooley
TANCEDO  Visclosky  Wu
TANNER  Vitter  Wynn
TAUSCHER  Walden (AK)  WU
TAYLOR (MS)  Walsh  Young (FL)
THOMAS  Wamp

NOT VOTING—65
ACKERMAN  Ferguson  Rahall
BARRITTA  Foley  Rankel
BARR  Fossella  Ronkema
BARTON  Ganzke  Royce
BERMAN  Gracci  Sanders
BLEEHOEJZIE  Gutierrez  Schiffer
BOEHNE  Kilpatrick  Serrano
BRADY (PA)  Knollenberg  Smith (TX)
CAM  Lantos  Sonder
CARSON (IN)  Largent  Stark
CHAMBLISS  LaHart  Stearns
CONYERS  Lipinski  Stupak
COOKSEY  Meeks (NV)  Sweaney
CRESWASH  Mica  Taylor (NC)
CROWLEY  Miller (FL)  Taussin
DAVIS (IL)  Miller, Gary  Terry
DEAL  Molochan  Towns
DEPAZIO  Neal  Velazquez
DEUTSCH  Owens  Veliz
DOOLITTLE  Payne  Weiner
EMERSON  Price (NC)  Weiner
ENGEL  Radanovich  Weldon (PA)

□ 1836

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: “A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8356 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Virginia, as the ‘Herb Harris Post Office Building’.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DEUTSCH. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the chamber today during rollcall vote No. 336 and 337. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote No. 336 and “yea” on rollcall vote No. 337.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRUCCI. Madam Speaker, due to my Mother’s sudden heart attack, I will be unable to participate in today’s recorded votes. However, if I were present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall 336 and 337.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Madam Speaker, due to personal business in my District, I was unable to record my vote on H.R. 1766, (rollcall No. 336) and H.R. 1761, (rollcall No. 337). Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on both measures.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained because of a late flight and could not vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 336 and “yea” on rollcall No. 337.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1983

Mr. SCHROCK. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 1983.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR. JAMES FORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a former Minnesota, at the famous Theodore Wirth Park in Minneapolis. Let the record reflect that our former beloved Chaplain, Dr. Jim Ford, still holds the record jump at the famous Theodore Wirth Ski jump, backward.

That is right, when he was a young student at Edison High School in northeast Minneapolis, Jim Ford defied the laws of gravity and common sense and survived a backward jump on this notoriously steep ski slope and lived to tell about it.

We now know backward ski jumping was just the beginning of Jim Ford’s high-risk hobbies. From his beloved Harley to his ultralight aircraft, Jim lived life with a special zeal. Whether it was his frequent racquetball games in the House gym or a cross-country ride on his Harley, Jim Ford went for all the gusto.

Madam Speaker, they still talk proudly about their prominent alum- nus, Jim Ford, at Edison High School in northeast Minneapolis and Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, where Jim starred in the classroom and also on the athletic field.

“You can take Jim Ford from Minnesota, but you cannot take Minnesota from Jim Ford,” was how his Gustavus classmate, the Reverend Bill Albertson, put it. Some of us remember my good friend and former minister, Bill Albertson, served as our guest chaplain here several years ago. Jim and Bill had a great time reminiscing that day. I will never forget our time together.

On behalf of all Minnesotans, Madam Speaker, we salute the memory of the Reverend Dr. Jim Ford and his many accomplishments. He was always there for us in good times, in hard times, in times of joy, in times of sorrow. We thank the Lord for his prayers, his counsel, great wit, compassion, and service.

We also thank God for the way Reverend Ford cared so deeply about our families, our friends, our constituents, our House of Representatives, and our beloved country. Madam Speaker, we what was truly important: working together to serve people.

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained because of a late flight and could not vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 336 and “yea” on rollcall No. 337.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2269

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 2269.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New Jersey? There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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Mr. RAMSTAD. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a former Minnesotan who devoted his life to ministering to others and who made a huge difference in the lives of the people in this very House for over 2 decades. For 21 years, the House of Representatives was very well served by our dedicated and beloved chaplain, the Reverend Dr. James Ford. Seven days a week, year after year, Jim Ford was here for us and our families in times of deepest need. Jim was always here to encourage, console, hum, and inspire us. That is why all of us were terribly shocked and saddened to hear of his death on August 27. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family: his wife, Marcy; son, Peter; daughters, Julie, Marie, Ann, and Sarah; sister, Janet; 9 grandchildren; and countless friends all over the world.

So many memories come flooding back at a time like this. Jim Ford leaves a legacy of love and service for his family, friends, and Nation which will be remembered always. His eloquent well-chosen words and ever-present wit helped keep our focus on