Lee H. Hamilton, born in New Albany, Indiana, as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse." Lee Hamilton is a former member of the House. I support him and seek his input on the challenges facing this body. He has a solid understanding of foreign policy and global issues. During his government service, Lee Hamilton made his mark in foreign affairs and domestic economic policy. He served on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Iran Contra Committee, and the Joint Economic Committee. He had a front row seat for many historic events, including the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Gulf War. As a follower of economic issues, Lee Hamilton was a champion of global competitiveness and encouraged economic development.

During his government service, Lee Hamilton received numerous awards and honors. These include the Knight Commander Cross of the Order of Merit from the Government of Germany, the Paul Nitze Award for Distinguished Authority on National Security Affairs in 1999, and the Edmund Muskie Award for outstanding public service in 1997.

Congressman Hamilton, although a recognized and powerful figure in Washington, D.C., was quick to lose his sense of humility. He has retained his sense of humor, his grass roots "Hoosier" values, and remained a source of advice and counsel even today to his colleagues. Lee Hamilton is currently the director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars here in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 1583, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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

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

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY), who is the ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, let me simply say that I have had the privilege of 34 years of my service here to serve with the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. Hamilton); and, in my view, he is one of the most distinguished persons ever to occupy this body. He has a solid understanding of the economy. He served this House for years on the Joint Economic Committee and served as chair of that committee.

He is without question, in my view, the wisest member of this body in dealing with foreign affairs of any Member I have ever served with. Whether he was talking about Central America or the Middle East or the Soviet Union or its successor states, Lee Hamilton at all times came to his positions on the basis of facts, not on the basis of ideology. He has served this country incredibly well.

He continues to serve this country well today in this time of crisis as the Director of the Woodrow Wilson Center at the Smithsonian. He has served the people of Indiana with incredible distinction, and he has done great honor to the people of the United States in
Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL) for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a pleasure to rise today in support of H.R. 1583, a bill to name the Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in New Albany, Indiana after Mr. Lee Hamilton, a U.S. courthouse in that district. Lee Hamilton served the people of southern Indiana.

I would like to thank all of my colleagues in the House, my congressional delegation for supporting this bill: the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), (Mr. BUYER), (Mr. HOSTETTLE), (Mr. KERNS), (Mr. PENCE), (Mr. ROEMER), (Mr. SODER), and (Mr. VISCOSKY). I would also like to thank Senators EVAN BAYH and DICK LUGAR for their invaluable help in the wake of the terrorist attacks on September 11, today.

In troubled times like these, our Nation needs statesmen and our country demands leadership. Throughout its public life, Lee has always fulfilled such a need and, I might add, those needs and met those demands. Lee was my Congressman from the time I was 12 years old until he retired in 1998. As a member of the leadership of the U.S. Congress, Lee helped make southern Indiana a better place for Hoosier families to live and work.

When Lee retired from Congress in 1998, Washington Post columnist David Broder wrote: “Hamilton is a throwback to the old days of the House, and not just because he still has the crew he wore when he came to Washington as a small town Hoosier in the Democratic landslide of 1964. He is an exemplar of common sense and an intuitively moderate model of legislator that used to be common in Congress but is increasingly rare today.” Lee now serves as the director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. His distinguished service as a Congressman and scholar has won him numerous public service awards and honorary degrees, far too many to list here today.

One thing is certain, though, throughout all Lee’s professional successes, he never forgot the people of southern Indiana. To his neighbors and constituents, he was never “Congressman Hamilton,” nor was he “Chairman Hamilton,” he was just “Lee.”

Even when he was considered as a Vice-Presidential nominee or Secretary of State, or weighing a possible Senate campaign, Lee was never unapproachable. He has always been down to earth and accessible and continues to embody the values and ideals of the people of southern Indiana.

It is fitting we designate this Federal building and the U.S. courthouse as the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building to pay tribute to his limitless dedication and service to the people of southern Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL) for his leadership in this. I know that I speak for all of our colleagues when I thank him for his leadership on this measure.

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. KERNS) for bringing this good bill to the floor, and I thank my good neighbor from the State of Illinois (Mr. COSTELLO) for his hard work. I certainly recognize the insight my good friend and fellow Hoosier, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL), had in putting this bill together and guiding it to the completion we are about to see today.

I think the people of New Albany are particularly proud today. I think the people of Indiana are particularly proud today. I know the people in the United States are particularly proud today of honoring our home State leader, Lee Hamilton, and his wife, Nancy, and his family for the 34 years that he represented their children and family, to Indiana, and we are very proud of him in our home State for all he has brought forward.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for bringing this honor to Lee and Nancy and their children and family, and we are very proud of him in our home State for all he has brought forward.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlemen and the other prominent Members around here from Indiana today, for producing this legislation and permitting me to be part of it. I would also like to thank Senators BAYH and LUGAR for introducing the bill in the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, as a boy growing up in Columbus, Indiana, when I was the age of the little boy sitting on my office floor right now, my Congressman was Lee Hamilton; and that famous crew cut, that confident stride of a basketball player, was a frequent image on the streets of Columbus, Indiana.
I had the honor of following his career and unsuccessfully applying for a job in his office at one point in my early career. For 34 years, I watched as he served the Hoosier state and all of Indiana with humility and distinction. Upon his retirement from the House of Representatives in 1998, Congressman Hamilton left a blueprint in public service here in the halls of the Capitol. His approach to issues and accessibility to his constituents, already commented on eloquently today, is an inspiration for his role.

Congressman Hamilton was most respected and best known for his role as chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. His broad knowledge of foreign policy recently earned him the honor of serving as the director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Congressman Hamilton's influence is ongoing in the world of foreign affairs as most Americans know, in the wake of the tragic events of 2 weeks ago. The President recently established in this very hall the Office of Homeland Security. What they may not know is that was a direct result of the vision and the purpose and the leadership which Indiana's own Lee Hamilton provided as a member of the now-famous Commission on Terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, as I traveled to Europe to participate in a conference on terrorism, I will carry with me many things. I will carry with me notes to study on the issues about which I will comment; but I will, more than anything else, carry the image of Lee Hamilton, who presented not only the image of a gentleman Hoosier into the foreign scene, but also what it truly is to be an American of principle in the world.

I join my fellow Hoosier delegates in designating the building at 121 West Spring Street as the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and the United States Courthouse.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. Udall).

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, as the House considers H.R. 1583, I would like to rise in recognition of Representative Lee Hamilton for whom H.R. 1583 names the Federal building and United States courthouse in New Albany, Indiana after.

Over the years, I have had the honor and privilege of forming a relationship and friendship with Lee. He is a man for whom I hold in the highest regard and am proud to call him a friend.

As a United States representative from January 1965 until his retirement in 1999, Lee served his constituents of the Ninth District of Indiana with the same honor, integrity, dignity with which he has lived his entire life.

Lee has received many awards throughout his distinguished career, including the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Paul H. Nitze Award for Distinguished Authority on National Security Affairs, and the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, and the Central Intelligence Agency Medallion, just to name a few.

Lee Hamilton recently served on a national commission dealing with terrorism and related subjects. A week ago I attended a congressional briefing by Lee Hamilton on terrorism, and as usual, he came forward with significant insights on this very timely topic.

On a personal note, he served with my uncle, Congressman Morris Udall of Arizona, and Mo always used to tell me, listen to Lee Hamilton, he is one of the wisest Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, during his 34 years as a Member of Congress, Lee Hamilton was an exceptional legislator who forged partnerships on both sides of the aisle in order to get the American people's business done. Over the last couple of weeks, we as a Congress have had the opportunity to follow Lee's example.

Today, we continue to follow that example by honoring him and the city of Indianapolis, Indiana with the designation of the Federal building and United States courthouse as the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse.

I encourage all my colleagues to support H.R. 1583. Mr. KERNS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. Udall).

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, as I travel to Europe to participate in a conference on terrorism, I will carry with me many things. I will carry with me notes to study on the issues about which I will comment; but I will, more than anything else, carry the image of Lee Hamilton, who presented not only the image of a gentleman Hoosier into the foreign scene, but also what it truly is to be an American of principle in the world.
Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues in designating the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse in New Albany, Indiana.

I had the pleasure of serving in the House of Representatives for over twenty-two years with Lee Hamilton.

Lee’s lifetime commitment to public service, under the administrations of seven Presidents from both parties, never faltered. His enorm- ous and critical contribution to any particular administration was his immense and unmatched service to the people of Indiana, our Nation and to peoples living in every corner of the world.

Lee Hamilton was known in this House for his unimpeachable integrity, his gentle voice of reason, and professionalism; all for which I had the great fortune from which to benefit.

Lee Hamilton arrived in Washington to begin his long tenure in the House during the Lyndon Johnson administration. As those times demanded, he was present for the creation of such landmark legislation as the Elementary and Secondary and Higher Education Acts, helping assure an educated citizenry so that the socio-economic needs of this country might be met. He also presided over the enactment of legislation to assist those living at or below poverty—especially the children—as Johnson’s War on Poverty began, and the President’s Great Society began to take shape.

There was much going on in this House when Lee Hamilton arrived from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to begin his service as the representa- tive of the Ninth District of that great state, and aside from domestic issues, Lee was soon to become deeply involved in international issues as well.

As Lee Hamilton’s distinguished service grew and flourished on behalf of those who needed federal support in order to obtain an education, food, shelter and health care, he quietly became our most able leader in international affairs. As he chaired and served as ranking member of the International Relations Committee for many years Lee devoted him- self to his duty throughout our long involvement in war, helping bring about the fall of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the former Soviet Union; and then seeking to strengthen the development of new democracies.

Over the years I was able to look to him for assistance and counsel with concerns I have had over events in the Middle East, and especially in the land of my grandfathers, Lebanon. His deep understanding of the culture, history and traditions of the Middle Eastern countries is enormous. I know there were many times over the years when, at my request and no matter how busy he was, he took the time to share with me and my colleagues his remarkable insight into how best to address events in a troubled area in times of great distress.

Lee Hamilton continued his distinguished career in foreign relations when he left the House to become Director of the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars and Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. His unmatched experience in both of these realms continues a distinguished career in advancing America’s leadership on the world stage.

During this tragic time for the United States we need the steady hand and influence of such honorable leaders as Lee Hamilton to guide our nation in her fight against terrorism. I can think of none better to contribute than this most accomplished statesman.

As Lee so richly and deservedly earned a remarkable life of selfless duty and an unstinting commitment to the peace and prosperity of the people of Indiana, our Nation and to peoples living in every corner of the world.

The people of Indiana’s 9th Congressional District were exceedingly well-served by Rep- resentative Lee Hamilton during his service not only by his close attention to domestic issues and District concerns, but as Americans through his vast and respected foreign policy expertise and his leadership by his service as Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and as Chairman and later as Ranking Minority Mem- ber of the House International Relations Com- mittee. Indeed, Lee represented all Americans by rationally and consistently approaching for- eign policy with U.S. national interests in mind, not simply those of special interest groups. Additionally, people world-wide have bene- fited from his dedication to food aid projects, to democracy-building projects in Russia and the former Soviet Union, and to many other international projects too numerous to men- tion.

Mr. Speaker, this Member served with Lee on the House International Relations Com- mittee from 1983 through 1996 and remain particu- larly grateful for the informed, insightful assistance and counsel that Lee provided when this Member was a junior member of the Committee’s minority. Regrettably, this Mem- ber did not have the opportunity to serve with Lee on the House Permanent Select Com- mittee on Intelligence but, as current Vice- Chairman of the Committee and having served earlier for six years, this Member certainly does appreciate Representative Hamilton’s contributions to the Intelligence Committee. We would all be well-advised to follow his ex- ample of setting aside emotion and irrationality from intricate, complex challenges and insert- ing common sense and careful analysis.

Mr. Sepaker, this Member has served in this body for 23 years and without any hyperbole would say that Lee Hamilton is one of the three or four most distinguished legislators with whom this Member has had the privilege to serve. Naming the New Albany, Indiana, Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse after Representative Hamilton is an appropriate trib- ute to a man who served Indiana and his country so extraordinarily well. This Member urges his colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 1583.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 1583, which designates the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the “Lee Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

Lee Hamilton and I were members of the same freshman class in Congress—we both began our service in the 89th Congress in 1965. I was sorry when my friend a valued colleague decided to retire at the end of the 105th Congress in 1998 after 17 terms in the House of Representatives. Lee currently serves as director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Cen- ter for Congress at Indiana University.

Lee Hamilton is remembered by his colleagues for his skilled and principled service as chair and ranking member on the House Committee on International Affairs. His achievements and deep knowledge of foreign affairs and national security issues have been recognized by numerous awards, including the 1999 Paul H. Nitze Award for Distinguished Authority on National Security Affairs, the Philip C. Habib Award for Distinguished Public Service, the Indiana Humanities Council Lifet ime Achievement Award, and the U.S. Associa- tion of Former Members of Congress Statesmanship Award.

It is indeed fitting that the people of Indiana have a federal building and courthouse named after Lee Hamilton. His vast knowledge, keen intellect, and deeply held principles have been of great service to the people of Indiana and of the United States.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1583, a bill designat- ing the federal building and courthouse in Albany, Indiana, after my good friend Lee Hamilton. I am proud to stand before this body to honor my friend Lee Hamilton for the hard work and dedication to the people of this country.

Born in Daytona Beach, Florida, in 1931, Lee Hamilton is first and foremost an Amer- ican. He is a Floridian as well, having left a great impression upon the people of Daytona Beach and throughout Florida.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to stand before you today to recognize a man that I admire professionally and consider a close and genuine friend. Having followed his career suc- cess and admired his accomplishments of be- coming one of the most honored members of Congress, I had the pleasure of following in Lee’s footsteps on serving on both the House Committee on International Relations and later on House Permanent Select Committee on In- telligence upon which he was distinguished the Chair.

What stands out about Lee and compels me to rise before you today, is not merely his ac- complishments and political gains, but the fact that he distinguished himself over 34 years in Congress as a dedicated public servant and still able to embrace that integrity at the high- est levels.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute my close friend, Lee Hamilton for his significant con- tributions, hard work and dedication to pro- moting democracy. I urge my colleagues to support of H.R.1583 designating the federal building and courthouse in Indiana after my praiseworthy friend Lee Hamilton.
Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today in full support of H.R. 1583, a bill designating the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

Lee Hamilton is a proud "Hoosier" through and through, and to this day he continues to work for the people of Indiana. Lee was the star of his basketball team in high school and college, and earned induction into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Lee attended Evansville Central High School, where he excelled both in the classroom and on the basketball court. As a senior, he led his team to the final game of the Indiana state basketball tournament, and received the prestigious Trester award for scholarship and athletics. After graduation, Lee attended Depauw University where he studied history. Lee graduated with honors in 1952 and was awarded the Walker Cup, given to the most outstanding member of the senior class. He returned to study and then went on to study in post-war Germany at Goethe University before returning to law school at Indiana University, from which he graduated in 1956.

While representing Indiana's 9th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, Lee Hamilton earned a reputation as a leader in international affairs, serving as Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, the House Intelligence Committee, and the Iran-Contra Investigation Committee. During his tenure in Congress, Lee Hamilton established a broad record of expertise and influence in foreign affairs. He focused substantial attention on promoting democracy and market reforms in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe; advancing peace and stability in the Middle East; expanding U.S. markets overseas; and overthrowing U.S. foreign aid.

In addition to his impressive record on foreign affairs, Congressman Hamilton also played an important role in reforming the institution of Congress itself. He co-chaired the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress where he worked to develop ideas like the creation of the inspector general, to study and then return to law school at Indiana University, from which he graduated in 1956.

In 1999, after serving in the House of Representatives for 34 years, Lee Hamilton represented the Ohio River counties of the State of Indiana and was first elected in 1964. Before retiring he served as the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and as the House member representing the Federal Building and United States Courthouse, and the Iran-Contra Investigation Committee. During his tenure in Congress, Lee Hamilton was a member of the Joint Economic Committee during the One Hundred Third Congress, Congressman Hamilton served as Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence during the Ninety-ninth Congress; the Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran during the One Hundredth Congress; and the Joint Economic Committee during the One Hundred First Congress.

Accordingly, I urge all of my colleagues to fully support this measure.

Mr. BUYER, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to lend my support to H.R. 1583, legislation to name the federal building and courthouse in New Albany, Indiana, after a very distinguished former member of this body, Lee Hamilton.

While a Member of the House, Lee Hamilton earned a reputation as foreign policy expert. With the recent tragic events that have struck our country, Lee Hamilton's advise and counsel are again being sought. He served for 34 years in this body before retiring in 1999. While his primary committee focus was in foreign policy, he also served as the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and on temporary panels to address standards of conduct and Congressional operations and organization.

Still although having a love of foreign policy, Lee Hamilton never forgot his constituents in Indiana. He worked hard for the well-being of his constituents and reached across the aisle on many issues for the betterment of the Hoosier State.

Finally, it must be noted here, that perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments, came not on the House floor or in committee, but on the basketball court. He was a star player on his high school and college teams and has been inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

I support H.R. 1583 and urge its adoption.

Mr. SPEAKE, Mr. Speaker, ever since I was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1989, I have served as a member of the House Foreign Affairs/International Relations Committee. In that capacity, it was my distinct pleasure and honor to serve with and get to know our distinguished colleague, the former Chairman and Ranking Democratic Member, Lee Hamilton.

Over the decade that I worked with Mr. Hamilton, he was always looked to by Committee members for bipartisan leadership, wise insight and steady guidance in crafting America's foreign policy.

Mr. Hamilton's voice was one marked by moderation, thoughtfulness and balance, and he had the vision to look beyond momentary international crises to seek and preserve the long-term interests of our Nation.

In a distinguished career in Congress which spanned 34 years, Mr. Hamilton, in particular, provided exceptional leadership in efforts to promote democratic reforms in the former Soviet Union and Soviet bloc nations, as well his strong support of balanced peace initiatives in the Middle East. Mr. Hamilton was also a major instrumental force in revamping our Nation's foreign aid policies by serving as the Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the respected international and world affairs think tank.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to adopt the legislation before us, which fittingly honors and pays tribute to a great American and one of the most respected leaders in our Nation's capital.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this legislation. I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there a motion to reconsider? There was no objection.