

HONORING MARTY MAHAR

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today asking my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4425, which would rename the Lansingburgh Post Office located at 2-116th Street in North Troy to the Martin G. "Marty" Mahar Post Office.

A longtime resident of Troy, Marty Mahar's legacy was one defined by his unwavering commitment to public service. Returning home as both a celebrated and decorated World War II veteran, earning four Battle Stars, Marty's desire to stay active within veterans organizations led him to become a National Service Officer.

He was extremely effective at combining his military professionalism and consideration for his fellow soldiers with countless hours of information and counseling sessions to ensure that veterans experienced a smooth transition back into civilian life. Marty's commitment to serving his country led him to becoming both a life member of the VFW and Military Order of the Purple Heart as well as a Veterans Hall of Fame honoree in 2005.

Apart from the time spent with the military, Marty is also honored for his civic duties on the local and State levels. The desire to give back to his community was a hallmark of Marty's character. Such an attitude helped in his push to found the Troy Patriot's Pop Warner football league, the Uncle Sam Parade committee, the Troy Flag Day parade and more. He was president of the New York State Association of City Councils and a city councilman in Troy for a decade as well as serving as its mayor.

Marty was truly a public servant whose leadership and selflessness should be a model for us all. From his dedication in serving our country as a marine during World War II to his service in the Postal Service and our community, I am honored to take a lead role in renaming this post office in Marty's honor. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring this extraordinary public servant by voting "yes" on H.R. 4425.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN
MAKE DO WITH LESS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, American taxpayers are wondering how another year of trillion-dollar government deficits is going to help get our economy humming again. We've seen a costly stimulus package that didn't create the jobs that were promised. Then it was a trillion-dollar health care bill that was more about Washington control than giving patients the

control they want. And recently Congress increased the national debt limit by \$1.9 trillion to pay for its record-breaking spending spree over the past 12 months.

So it comes as no surprise that today the White House unveiled a new trillion-dollar health care bill that is even more expensive than the Senate bill it was supposed to improve upon.

When will Washington get it? Americans are making do with less. Shouldn't the Federal Government they pay for at least do the same?

RECLAIMING AMERICA'S
GREATNESS

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, a New York Times columnist who is revered by liberal Democrats recently wrote, "We've always known that America's reign as the world's greatest nation would eventually end."

This may be the logical conclusion if we follow President Obama's policies, but it doesn't have to be true. We can reclaim America's greatness—not lose it—if we focus on creating jobs in the private sector, not the government; reducing the deficit, not doubling it; providing health care to the long-term, low-income uninsured, not mandating a government takeover; and treating terrorists like terrorists, not local bank robbers.

Let's listen to the American people and get our financial house in order and our priorities straight. Then we will stay the greatest nation.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I, as many of my colleagues, have just returned from my district. During that time, I had two town hall meetings and numerous individual meetings with members of my constituency; and one thing was abundantly clear.

On the subject of health care, overwhelmingly they told me to bring this message back to Washington, D.C.:

Stop what you're doing, scrap the House bill, scrap the Senate bill and start over.

Interestingly enough, national polls show that's the national sentiment. By about 61 or 62 to 28, at least, the American people are telling us, Back off, scrap what you've done, start over again.

They're not asking for the status quo but they're asking for incremental approaches, and many of the things that Republicans have talked about are what the people are asking for.

Yet today, I was very disappointed to see the President has decided to ignore the American people. His message to the American people at least coming out from the White House today is:

Forget what you say. You're not smart enough to figure this out. We know better. We're going to forge ahead.

Madam Speaker, let's listen to the American people.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

MARTIN G. "MARTY" MAHAR POST
OFFICE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4425) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4425

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MARTIN G. "MARTY" MAHAR POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add any extraneous materials.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, as chairman of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction