

her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in anthropology. She achieved broad critical acclaim both in the United States and abroad for her performances, borrowing movements and rhythms from the Caribbean and South America, while also adhering to classical ballet. Her technique is still taught and bears her name.

Ms. Dunham used her fame to focus the public's attention on social injustices around the world, including enduring a 47-day hunger strike at the age of 82 to help shift public awareness to the international relationship between America and Haiti. Further, she received many awards and recognition for her work such as the Presidential Medal of Arts, Southern Cross of Haiti, the Kennedy Center Honors, the French Legion Honor and the NCAAP Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 1967, Ms. Dunham moved to East St. Louis, Illinois, where she helped open a performing arts training center and established a dance anthropology program at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. The center in East St. Louis was eventually named the Katherine Dunham Center for the Arts and Humanities.

Honoring Katherine Dunham with this post office designation is fitting and appropriate, not only to Katherine and her family, but the residents of the city of East St. Louis and the congressional district that I am privileged to represent. East St. Louis is a community that has suffered hard times, but through it all, Katherine Dunham and her center served as a focal point for revitalization and hope for the city and its people.

Mr. Speaker, Katherine Dunham touched the world, not only through her artistic gifts, but with her conscience as well. Through her, we grew as a Nation. Just as she challenged the norms of dance, she challenged all of us to confront the important issues of our time. Renaming this post office for Katherine Dunham is a small gesture, but it is one way to say thank you for her continuing contributions to the people of East St. Louis, which she was proud to call home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5929, and I thank my friend from Illinois.

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

If I just might close, I am pleased to join with my colleague from Illinois in this legislation. Katherine Dunham was an academician, a scholar, an activist, an anthropologist, a great dancer, a choreographer, a culturess, I do not know of many things that she was not, a businesswoman, a person who brought life and spirit wherever she was, and she was fortunate to live to a ripe old age.

All of us who have studied her, had the opportunity to see her, to know about her, our lives have indeed been enriched, and I am pleased to join in the sponsorship and urge passage of this resolution.

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 5929, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MARCHANT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5929.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### TITO PUENTE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1472) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 167 East 124th Street in New York, New York, as the "Tito Puente Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1472

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

#### SECTION 1. TITO PUENTE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 167 East 124th Street in New York, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Tito Puente Post Office Building".

(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 "Tito Puente Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, a 5-time Grammy winner, Tito Puente was one of the most influential Latin jazz musicians of his time. He began playing the drums professionally as early as the age of 13 and went on to study composing, orchestration, and piano at Julliard and the New York School of Music.

Puente released 120 albums over the course of his 60-year career. His fans loved him for both his music and his showmanship. He will always be re-

membered for keeping his music fresh and current through the decades.

I support H.R. 1472 in recognition of the remarkable gift for music that Mr. Puente joyously shared with the world and hope all the Members will join with me.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

H.R. 1472, legislation introduced by Representative CHARLES RANGEL, was unanimously passed by the Government Reform Committee on September 21, 2006. H.R. 1472 designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 167 East 124th Street in New York as the Tito Puente Post Office Building.

Tito Puente, the great musician known as the "King of Latin Music," was born in 1923. He recorded over 100 albums and was a 4-time Grammy award winner, featured motion picture performer and internationally acclaimed musician. He died in May of 2000, and all of us who have heard the Latin sounds and relaxed as we listened are proud to know that a postal service is being named in honor of this great musician.

I urge its passage.

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 1472, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MARCHANT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1472.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECOGNIZING FINANCIAL PLANNING WEEK

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 973) recognizing Financial Planning Week, recognizing the significant impact of sound financial planning on achieving life's goals, and honoring families and the financial planning profession for their adherence and dedication to the financial planning process, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 973

Whereas the financial planning process can play a vital role in helping workers achieve financial independence by empowering them to identify and manage realistic financial objectives and meet the financial challenges that arise at every stage of life;

Whereas all individuals in the United States can improve their quality of life by securing competent, objective, and comprehensive financial advice to assist them in attaining their financial goals;

Whereas 2 surveys released in 2006 by the Consumer Federation of America and the Financial Planning Association revealed that

77 percent of financial planners think it is very important for Americans to understand what net personal wealth is, but only 49 percent of Americans know what constitutes this wealth—financial assets plus home equity and other tangible assets minus consumer debts;

Whereas, in the past year, proclamations have been issued in numerous States and the District of Columbia recognizing the importance of the financial planning process in meeting the goal of financial independence and other long-term financial objectives; and

Whereas the Financial Planning Association has designated the week beginning October 2, 2006, as “Financial Planning Week”: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) encourages Americans to observe “Financial Planning Week” with appropriate programs and activities;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of “Financial Planning Week”;

(3) recognizes the significant impact that sound financial planning can have on securing financial independence and achieving life’s goals and dreams; and

(4) acknowledges and commends the millions of families across the United States, as well as the financial planning profession, for their adherence and dedication to the financial planning process.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, there is no question that a sound financial foundation can provide people with more opportunities and a better quality of life. H. Res. 973, as amended, recognizes the importance of thorough planning to the achievement of financial aspirations, and it commends the millions of Americans who are already working and planning to achieve their personal goals.

In the past year, proclamations have been made in several States, as well as the District of Columbia, recognizing this fact, and I am pleased to support H. Res. 973 designating the week of October 2, 2006, as National Financial Planning Week.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, my father used to tell us that he or she who fails to plan, plans to fail. Of course, the same is true when it comes to money management and handling one’s finances. This

resolution makes all of us aware and reminds us that financial planning is essential to financial security.

I am pleased to join in support of this resolution setting aside and recognizing Financial Planning Week. I urge its passage.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 973, which supports the goals and ideals of designating the week of October 2–8, 2006 Financial Planning Week.

I want to thank my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Texas, Mr. HINOJOSA, for introducing this resolution. I want to commend him for his leadership on the important issue of financial education.

In addition to serving together on the Financial Services Committee, Congressman HINOJOSA and I co-chair the Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus, which now has 79 members. His commitment to improving financial literacy levels among all Americans is unwavering. I am honored to co-chair the caucus with him and to be the lead co-sponsor of this resolution.

I also want to thank the gentleman from Virginia, Chairman TOM DAVIS, for expeditiously moving this resolution through the Committee on Government Reform.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 973 calls on the Nation to observe the week of October 2–8, 2006, as “Financial Planning Week.” The Financial Planning Association, along with many states and municipalities across the country, have designated October 2–8, 2006, as “Financial Planning Week.” Our collective goal for the week is to make Americans aware of their financial planning needs, and encourage them to take the actions necessary to achieve financial security for their families.

Mr. Speaker, proper financial planning is an essential part of achieving one’s life goals. Whether saving for a child’s education, planning for retirement, or purchasing a first home, virtually every major decision that we make requires comprehensive financial planning.

Financial Planning Week will provide a good opportunity to talk to your kids about their personal finances, to remind your friends and loved ones of the need to plan for retirement, or to seek help with your own financial situation, if need be.

In the last quarter of 2005, the personal savings rate dropped to negative-point-two-percent—one of the lowest since the Great Depression. Studies show that as many as 10 million households in the United States are ‘un-banked.’ They don’t even have a bank or credit union account. In addition, 37 percent of workers are not currently saving for retirement. This has to change, and the best way for it to change is for us as Americans to get educated about properly managing our finances.

This October, during “Financial Planning Week,” I will join my colleagues, and financial literacy advocates nationwide, to encourage Americans to seek out information about the benefits of properly managing their personal finances.

I ask my colleagues to join me and support the goals and ideals of designating October 2–8, 2006, as Financial Planning Week.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 973, recognizing “Financial Planning Week,” October 2nd through the 8th of this year. I was very pleased that my colleague and good friend from Illinois,

Congresswoman JUDY BIGGERT, joined me in introducing this important and timely resolution.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Congresswoman BIGGERT, Congressman KANJORSKI and his staff, Congresswoman MALONEY and her staff, Tania Shand with Government Reform, and Jerry Hartz and Catlin O’Neill with the Minority Leader’s office for the assistance they provided me in bringing this resolution to the floor today.

As Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus, I decided to introduce this resolution to place the spotlight on yet another important piece of the financial and economic literacy puzzle that we must all put together during our lives: financial planning. Financial planning plays a key role in meeting the goal of the Caucus to improve financial literacy rates for individuals during all stages of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, at this point, I ask unanimous consent to insert into the record the following letters in support of H. Res. 973: letters from the Financial Planning Association, the Financial Services Roundtable, the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Cross Financial Services Corporation, MasterCard and Citigroup.

Despite daily challenges of balancing work, family, and personal matters, it’s important—now more than ever—that all Americans take time to increase their financial knowledge and plan for a secure future. Like most people, we all have hopes and dreams and life goals for ourselves and our families. These might include buying a home or business . . . saving for college education for our children . . . taking a dream vacation . . . reducing taxes . . . or retiring comfortably.

Managing your personal finances is ultimately your responsibility. However, you don’t have to do it alone.

There are community centers, non-profits, community-based organizations, financial counseling organizations as well as private sector financial groups and associations that can help you make decisions that make the most of your financial resources. Certified Financial Planners are among those groups. This advice is available in many languages.

All these entities can help you set realistic financial and personal goals. They can assess your current financial health by examining your assets, liabilities, income, insurance, taxes, investments and estate plan. These same groups can help you develop a realistic, comprehensive plan to meet your financial goals by addressing financial weaknesses and building on financial strengths. They can help you put your plan into action and monitor its progress.

Furthermore, they can help you stay on track to meet changing goals. . . changing personal circumstances. . . changing stages of your life. . . changing products, markets and tax laws.

Research has shown that people with a financial plan tend to save more money, feel better about their progress, and make more appropriate decisions—no matter what their income.

Moreover, a written financial plan is far more effective than a mental one. Seeing your plan in writing helps to remind you about what actions are necessary to reach your goals, and it helps you to check your progress more easily than relying on memory alone.

Following the financial plan is the biggest challenge for most people. The pay-off for

meeting this challenge will be increased family financial security and satisfaction.

Many people are amazed to see how much of their money is spent on take-out lunches, morning coffees, and other expenses that can add up over time. It is up to all of us to decide whether these "extras" are really worth the trade-off. Are these everyday "extras" worth giving up money for current expenses and future goals?

The reality is that your everyday spending decisions have a greater impact on your long-term financial well-being than all of your investment decisions combined.

Next week, I hope that all of you will focus on mapping out your financial future.

I would like to commend the financial planners who will be volunteering their services on October 4th, financial planning day in room 430 of Senate Dirksen Office Building from noon to 3pm. Over a dozen financial planners will be available to answer any financial questions from you or your staff. More than likely, just your staff will be able to attend the event, but I encourage them to do so.

Mr. Speaker, if there is one thing I would like my colleagues and the public to understand today is that it is never too late to take control of your finances.

Whether you are a youth learning the fundamentals of savings and checking or an older person concerned that you haven't planned for your golden years, it is never too late to start. So, why not start today!

Again, I rise in strong support of this resolution and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of it.

THE FINANCIAL PLANNING ASSOCIATION,  
Washington, DC, September 8, 2006.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,  
House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA: As the leading membership organization for the financial planning community, the Financial Planning Association (FPA) would like to thank you for introducing H.R. 973, in recognition of Financial Planning Week. This resolution will help expand our goal of increasing financial literacy and as a result, help the national savings rate.

In a few weeks, our efforts to promote the benefits of wise personal financial planning will be extended to Capitol Hill. We would like to personally invite you to attend our sixth annual Financial Planning Day on Capitol Hill on October 4, in the Senate Dirksen Building, room 430, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Over a dozen financial planners will be available to answer any financial questions from you or your staff. I would also like to use that opportunity to personally express my gratitude for your efforts in support of sound financial planning for all Americans.

FPA connects those who need, support and deliver financial planning. Our 28,000 members work with a variety of clients, including individuals and small businesses, to support and deliver objective financial planning advice from a competent, ethical financial planner. Our members demonstrate and support a professional commitment to education and a client-centered financial planning process.

Sincerely,

DANIEL B. MOISAND,  
President, FPA.

THE FINANCIAL SERVICES  
ROUNDTABLE,

Washington, DC, September 25, 2006.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA: We write to applaud your leadership in introducing House Resolution 973, recognizing Financial Planning Week. The Roundtable believes the financial planning process allows Americans to achieve their dreams by empowering them to identify and manage realistic financial goals.

This resolution highlights the impact of sound financial planning on achieving life's goals, and honoring families and the financial planning profession for the adherence and dedication to the financial planning process. Everyone can benefit from knowing the value of financial planning and knowing where to turn for objective financial advice.

The Financial Services Roundtable represents 100 of the largest integrated financial services companies providing banking, insurance, and investment products and services to the American consumer. Member companies participate through the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives nominated by the CEO.

Roundtable member companies provide fuel for America's economic engine, accounting directly for \$50.5 trillion in managed assets, \$1.1 trillion in revenue, and 2.4 million jobs.

We thank you for your leadership in recognizing Financial Planning Week through H. Res. 973. The Roundtable is proud to support this important resolution.

Best regards,

STEVE BARTLETT,  
President and CEO.

UNITED STATES HISPANIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
Washington, DC, September 7, 2006.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the largest and most influential advocate for the nation's 2 million Hispanic-owned businesses, I would like to express our support for H. Res. 973, a legislative effort to recognize October 2-8, 2006 as Financial Planning Week.

Indeed, all families, especially in the Latino community, must further their reliance on competent and ethical financial planners to help make smart financial decisions, open businesses, and plan for the future. Acknowledging the importance of sound financial planning can help inform consumers on how to maximize their and their family's potential to improve their quality of life. Latino families would benefit from planned Financial Planning Week activities that will include toll free hotlines in both English and Spanish for individuals to call a financial planner with questions about their finances.

All families and businesses are well served by using the services of financial planners to plan for college, prepare for retirement, invest in financial products and life insurance to help get through times of need and estate planning. In the past year, proclamations have been issued in numerous states and the District of Columbia recognizing the importance of the financial planning process in meeting long-term financial objectives and achieving the goal of financial independence.

We urge you to cosponsor H. Res. 973 so that we may help educate families on how to best prepare and improve their financial lives.

Please contact me or David Ferreira, Director of Government Affairs, at 202.842.1212

if we can be of further service in advancing this worthwhile goal.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL L. BARRERA,  
President and CEO.

CROSS FINANCIAL SERVICES  
CORPORATION,  
September 11, 2006.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,  
House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA: As a member of FPA®, I would like to thank you for introducing H.R. 973, in recognition of Financial Planning Week. I would also like to personally express my gratitude for your efforts for increasing financial literacy. On a daily basis, I see the need and importance for increasing financial literacy as a nation. Financial Planning Week serves as an opportunity to help the American public realize the importance of sound financial planning in their personal lives.

Many Americans seem to have not been taught the lessons their forefathers learned during the depression about debt and cash reserves nor have had the basic understanding of financial knowledge passed on to them from the previous generation. It is imperative that they receive that information. Today, financial planners, like myself, deliver objective advice to help individuals and families as they make their financial decisions. I work with a variety of clients, including individuals and small businesses, to support and deliver objective financial planning advice.

Thank you for your efforts to support sound financial planning for all Americans.

Sincerely,

KIRK W. FRANCIS,  
Government Relations  
Director, San Antonio-South Texas  
Chapter, The Financial Planning Association.

MASTERCARD INTERNATIONAL,  
LAW DEPARTMENT,  
Purchase, NY, September 27, 2006.

Hon. JUDY BIGGERT,  
Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES BIGGERT AND HINOJOSA: I am writing to communicate MasterCard Worldwide's strong support for House Resolution 973, which recognizes October 2-8 as Financial Planning Week and honors financial planning professionals for their devotion and commitment to promoting the financial planning process.

MasterCard Worldwide shares your goal of increasing financial planning, illustrated by our various consumer education programs. Specifically, MasterCard has developed two programs called Debt Know How and Are You Credit Wise? which target consumers at different stages of their financial lives and aims to increase successful financial planning.

By working with community leaders to offer consumers easy-to-understand tips and resources to increase their financial planning efforts, MasterCard's Debt Know How program helps consumers successfully manage financial debt. The program was developed in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Extension Service and is available in both English and Spanish.

Are You Credit Wise? is MasterCard's consumer education program which aims to increase financial literacy rates among America's college students by teaching successful financial planning skills. The program employs a peer-to-peer teaching model to maximize its effectiveness, as college students are

more included to listen and act upon information coming from their peers than from parents, teachers or counselors.

We once again applaud your leadership and your tireless efforts to improve the lives of the American people through increased financial literacy and planning.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA PEIREZ.

Hon. JUDY BIGGERT,  
Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES BIGGERT AND HINOJOSA: On behalf of Citigroup's Office of Financial Education, I am writing in support of H. Res. 973, which recognizes Financial Planning Week and encourages Americans to become engaged in the financial planning process in order to achieve their financial goals. Financial literacy is a critical skill that people need to master if they are to function in our global economy.

Citigroup is strongly committed to promoting financial education as evidenced by our ten-year, \$200 million dollar commitment and our multi-lingual curriculum designed for consumers of all ages.

We applaud the work of the Financial Literacy Caucus and thank you both for your continued efforts to improve the lives of Americans in this area.

Sincerely,

DARA DUGUAY,  
Director,  
Citigroup's Office of  
Financial Education.

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the adoption of H. Res. 973, as amended, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MARCHANT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 973, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### JOHN J. SINDE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5989) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10240 Roosevelt Road in Westchester, Illinois, as the "John J. Sinde Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5989

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

#### SECTION 1. JOHN J. SINDE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10240 Roosevelt Road in Westchester, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "John J. Sinde Post Office Building".

(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 "John J. Sinde Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MARCHANT).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I am pleased to support H.R. 5989 introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS).

John J. Sinde began his political career in 1949 when he joined the Material Service following 3½ years of service to the United States Navy. In 1973, he became the president of the Westchester Park District Board, where he remained until being appointed president of Westchester, a position he maintained for 24 years.

In addition to his political commitment, Mr. Sinde was also actively involved with the youth of his community. He found the time to manage the Pee Wee League, umpire the Westchester Girls Softball team, and served as a member of the Westchester Boys Baseball team. John Sinde passed away in November of 2005, and I am pleased to support a bill honoring him as a pillar of his community.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I am indeed proud to sponsor this resolution honoring a man who was the epitome of not only excellence but Mayor Sinde was a businessman turned politician. After getting involved in politics, everything that he touched seemingly turned to gold. He ran the park district in his town for 24 years as a volunteer, he was the Little League coach, he was the Girls Softball coach, he was elected mayor five times, he solved the city's water problem, and he was simply an icon.

Everybody in the village knew him, and I was fortunate to have had a great relationship with him. He was a Republican and I was a Democrat, but that never stood in our way. We had some of the most wonderful times that I can imagine.

Mayor Sinde, just before he died, and he was a serious senior citizen by then, last worked as a volunteer crossing guard. After he had retired from being the mayor, and being everything else in the town that one could do, he vol-

unteered as a crossing guard. And so I and I am certain all of the residents of Westchester, Illinois, are very pleased to know that this postal facility will be named in honor of their great mayor and their great friend, and I urge its passage.

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 5989, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MARCHANT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5989.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### WALLACE W. SYKES POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5990) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 South 5th Avenue in Maywood, Illinois, as the "Wallace W. Sykes Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5990

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

#### SECTION 1. WALLACE W. SYKES POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 South 5th Avenue in Maywood, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Wallace W. Sykes Post Office Building".

(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 "Wallace W. Sykes Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MARCHANT).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

I am pleased to support another bill introduced by my distinguished friend, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS). Pastor Wallace Wyatt Sykes is well known for his accomplishments