SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States courthouse bordered by O Street, P Street, Tulare Street, and Capitol Street in Fresno, California, shall be known and designated as the ''Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse''.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the ''Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse''.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BOUSTANY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on S. 801.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

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

S. 801 is a bill to designate the United States Courthouse bordered by O Street, P Street, Tulare Street and Capitol Street in Fresno, California, as the Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse.

Judge Coyle recently retired from Federal service, was appointed to the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in 1982. He has served on the bench for 25 years, including 6 years as chief judge.

Judge Coyle is a native Californian. He was born in Fresno in 1930, graduated from Fresno State College in 1953 and from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1956. Judge Coyle's career includes time as Fresno County Deputy District Attorney.

He is a member of numerous associations, including the American Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates, State Bar of California, and the Fresno County Legal Services. He is a trusted mentor and a highly respected member of the ninth circuit.

Judge Coyle has devoted his public career to the citizens of California's central valley and was instrumental in supporting the construction of the courthouse. It is both fitting and appropriate to honor his legacy with this designation.

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

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

S. 801 designates the United States Courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse. The bill honors Judge Coyle's dedication to public service.

After earning his law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1956, Judge Coyle worked for Fresno county as a Deputy District Attorney. He then entered private practice in 1958, where he remained until his appointment to the Federal bench.

In 1982, Judge Coyle was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California by President Ronald Reagan. He served as chief judge from 1990 to 1996, and assumed senior status on May 13, 1996.

I support this legislation, and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

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

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 801, a bill to designate the United States Courthouse located at 2500 Tulare Street in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse". The bill was introduced by Senator BOXER, Chairwoman of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the U.S. Senate.

Judge Coyle was born in Fresno, California, in 1930. In 1953, he graduated from Fresno State College and received his law degree from Hastings College of Law in 1956.

From 1956 until 1958, Judge Coyle was Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County. From 1958 until 1982, he was a lawyer in a private practice. He was appointed to the Federal bench in 1982, and served as the Chief Judge for the Eastern District of California from 1990 to 1996. In 2006, he retired as a Senior Judge.

Judge Coyle is a dedicated jurist and active in many professional organizations, including the Fresno County Legal Services, President of the Fresno Bar Association, Vice President of the California State Bar Association, and a faculty member at the Hastings College of Law. Judge Coyle has a particular connection to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management through his work with the courts on development of the Design Guide for construction of U.S. courthouses.

It is fitting and proper that we honor Judge Coyle's prestigious and outstanding career by designating the United States Courthouse in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse". I support S. 801 and urge its passage.

Ms. NORTON. I have no additional speakers.

Mr. BOUSTANY. We have no further speakers on our side either. I urge passage of this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. I urge passage, and yield back the remainder of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 801.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING THE RECREATIONAL BOATING COMMUNITY AND THE BOATING INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 505) recognizing the innumerable contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 505

Whereas the boating community in the United States includes over 73,000,000 individuals, generates more than $39,000,000,000 annually in the United States economy, and provides jobs for 380,000 citizens of the United States;

Whereas boaters often serve as stewards of the marine environment of the United States, educating future generations of the value of these resources, and preserving such resources for such generations' enjoyment;

Whereas there are approximately 1,400 active boat builders in the United States, using materials and services contributed from all 50 States;

Whereas boating, as an activity, provides opportunities for families to be together, appeals to all age groups, and has a beneficial effect on the physical fitness and scholastic performance of those who participate; and

Whereas, July 1, 2007, would be an appropriate day to establish as National Boating Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) the recreational boating community and the boating industry of the United States should be commended for their innumerable contributions to the economy of the United States, the well-being of United States citizens, and responsible environmental stewardship of the marine resources of the United States; and

(2) the President should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National Boating Day with appropriate programs and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BOUSTANY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 505, which recognizes the contributions made by recreational boating community to our national economy, and calls on the President to issue a proclamation to observe National Boating Day.

There are now more than 13 million recreational boats registered in the United States. These boats support some 380,000 jobs in the U.S. and generate an estimated $39 billion to the U.S. economy. They depend on 12,000 marinas across the waterways of the United States for essential services.

Impressive as they are, however, these numbers do not begin to reveal the many contributions that boating makes to recreational life in the United States.

Boating offers people the chance to catch up with family and friends while watching the world float by, to introduce their children to the natural environment, and to slow down and enjoy a relaxing weekend on a vacation away from home.

Perhaps not surprisingly, a survey conducted by the National Marine Manufacturers Association found that boating was among the top three stress-relieving activities among survey respondents.

Recreational boating is also far more accessible than many may assume. More than 90 percent of Americans live less than an hour's drive from a body of water on which recreational boating can be undertaken.

Because of boating's importance to our Nation, the United States already observes many days to honor different aspects of the boating industry. For example, on August 11, the United States will observe National Marina Day. During the week prior to Memorial Day, we observe National Safe Boating Week, intended to remind boaters of the need to practice safe boating habits and to use personal flotation devices while on the water.

The message of National Safe Boating Week bears repeating. In 2005, nearly 5,000 boating accidents resulted in just under 3,500 injuries and nearly 700 deaths, the vast majority of which were caused by accidental drowning that could have been prevented if those who fell in the water had been wearing life jackets.

H. Res. 505 now calls on the President to set aside a day specifically to honor recreational boating and the boating industry. I believe such recognition is due to the pastime of boating, and I commend the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KLEIN) for introducing this resolution and supporting a wonderful activity in our country.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 505 recognizes and commends the recreational boating community and the boating industry for their contributions to the economy of the United States, the well-being of the United States citizens, and responsible environmental stewardship of the marine resources of the United States.

There are more than 73 million individuals that make up the recreational boating community in the United States. This important industry generates more than $39 billion annually in the United States economy, and provides jobs for 380,000 citizens of the United States.

While the industry and the community are important parts of our national economy, these individuals also play an important role in conserving our natural resources for future generations' enjoyment. Recreational boaters act as stewards of the marine environment of the United States and take lead and hands-on roles in educating future generations of the value of these resources.

The legislation also encourages the President to mark the importance of the recreational boating community and industries by establishing July 1 as National Boating Day. It is fitting that we consider this resolution so closely to the Fourth of July, when tens of thousands will be enjoying our Nation's inland and coastal waters aboard recreational vessels.

I commend the resolution's sponsor, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, and all the measure's cosponsors for introducing the legislation, and I join them in urging all Members to support the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, I urge passage of the resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield to the gentlelady from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) such time as she may consume.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 505, to highlight the important contribution of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to our way of life, and to call upon the President to issue a proclamation asking the American people to observe National Boating Day.

As a Representative of Florida's 20th Congressional District, I can attest to the important contribution recreational boating and the boating industry has had upon South Florida's economy and quality of life. The marine industry is responsible for more than $18 billion of revenues and 220,000 jobs in Florida.

Recreational boating is integral to the way of life in Florida. From fishing to snorkeling to scuba driving in our beautiful coral reefs, or simply taking a scenic cruise through Florida's intracoastal waterways, recreational boating and South Florida go hand in hand.

In fact, recreational boating is such an important part of Ft. Lauderdale that the city has earned the well-deserved nickname, the ''Venice of America.''

But the contributions of the recreational boating community go far beyond my home State. The boating population exceeds 73 million individuals utilizing and enjoying an estimated 18 million recreational watercraft. In addition, the recreational boating industry provides more than $39 billion in sales and services to the U.S. economy, and provides nearly 380,000 manufacturing jobs.

Boating helps to bring us closer to the wonders of nature, and it helps us to appreciate the need to be goods stewards of our natural resources.

It's no surprise that boaters often are some of our most ardent conservationists, because they see firsthand the importance of protecting our fragile ecosystem for generations to come.

It's for these reasons that I rise in support of H. Res. 505, recognizing the contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States. This resolution calls upon the President to issue a proclamation to observe National Boating Day, with an appropriate day being July 1.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 505 and vote for its final passage.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 505, which urges the President to proclaim July 1, 2007, as "National Boating Day".

Recreational boating is enjoyed by millions of Americans and is a major force in the U.S. economy, providing jobs for almost 400,000 citizens and generating more than $39 million in revenue.

Recreational boating provides enjoyment, rest and relaxation for families of all ages. In addition, recreational boaters often serve as educators and stewards of our natural resources.

Recreational boat-builders—from the large corporation to the individual—build vessels for the enjoyment of millions of people, using both natural and manmade materials from across our great Nation.

I thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KLEIN) for introducing this resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting House Resolution 505, which urges the President to proclaim July 1 as "National Boating Day".

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 505.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GEORGE HOWARD, JR. FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2011) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the ''George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse''.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2011

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

SECTION 1. GEORGE HOWARD, JR. FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the ''George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse''.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other