

eligible for benefits paid through annual appropriations for things like office space and leases, furniture and supplies, staff salaries, and so forth.

This bill would cut the allowance for those type of expenses to \$200,000 to each former President. This allowance will further be reduced, dollar for dollar, based on the former President's income over \$400,000.

So, in this era of massive Federal deficits, I believe it is important that our former Presidents lead the Nation by example in cutting unnecessary spending.

I want to, again, assure my colleagues that this bill does not affect security in any way.

I want to thank Senator ERNST for a companion bill in the Senate and, also, Chairman CUMMINGS and my colleagues on the other side for supporting this bill.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1496, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MARILYN MONROE POST OFFICE

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1252) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6531 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "Marilyn Monroe Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1252

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

SECTION 1. MARILYN MONROE POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6531 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, shall be known and designated as the "Marilyn Monroe 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 "Marilyn Monroe Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to

revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. CÁRDENAS), my fellow Representative.

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman ROUDA for this opportunity to speak on the floor.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to be a Representative of the San Fernando Valley in the United States House of Representatives.

I rise today to honor two American artists: the great Marilyn Monroe and Ritchie Valens.

I offer these bills, H.R. 1252 and 1253, today on the floor of the House of Representatives to name the post offices of Van Nuys and Pacoima, California, in their honor.

First, I offer H.R. 1252 in celebration of the talented and legendary Marilyn Monroe, who has roots in my district. Marilyn Monroe was born in Los Angeles, California, grew up in Van Nuys, and attended Van Nuys High School. She grew up poor and bounced around orphanages as a child.

Back then, the chances of a poor woman like Marilyn Monroe becoming a national success and musical legend was nearly impossible, but she beat the odds. Despite her turbulent childhood, Marilyn Monroe found stability and joy while living in Van Nuys, California.

Her hard work and perseverance led her to become a timeless, internationally recognized icon.

In a world where many believe wealth, status, or name determine one's destiny, Marilyn Monroe's story defies the odds and inspires many others to believe they, too, can achieve very similar success.

Marilyn Monroe showed us that dreaming big and working hard means something in America. Marilyn Monroe went off to become an artist and a trailblazer, starring in her own movies and setting records during her singing career.

It is with great pride that I introduce this bill to rename the Van Nuys Post Office in celebration of the life and the incredible history of Marilyn Monroe.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1252, introduced by Representative TONY CÁRDENAS. This bill names the post office located in Van Nuys, California, in honor of Marilyn Monroe.

Miss Monroe spent her formative years in Van Nuys and attended the high school in the area. The neighborhood held a special place in her heart.

She has said it—Van Nuys—was a source of joy, as it served as an escape from her turbulent childhood, and it was Van Nuys where she was discovered at the local airport. From there, Marilyn Monroe became one of Amer-

ica's most famous and recognizable pop icons.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1252.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RITCHIE VALENS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1253) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13507 Van Nuys Boulevard in Pacoima, California, as the "Ritchie Valens Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1253

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

SECTION 1. RITCHIE VALENS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13507 Van Nuys Boulevard in Pacoima, California, shall be known and designated as the "Ritchie Valens 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 "Ritchie Valens Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. CÁRDENAS), my fellow Member.

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank both Representatives who are handling the floor at this moment and paying their proper respects and appropriate comments on these bills.

Mr. Speaker, I have the honor to rise today and offer H.R. 1253, which would designate the post office in Pacoima,

California, as the Ritchie Valens Post Office Building.

Ritchie Valens was born and raised in my home neighborhood of Pacoima and attended San Fernando High School.

The rock and roll legend and father of Chicano rock is celebrated today for pioneering a music style derived from the Chicano culture, and it has reverberated around the world.

He became a nationally renowned rock musician at a time when very few Latinos were recognized in American rock music. Valens' contributions in rock include record-setting hits such as "La Bamba," "Donna," and "Come On, Let's Go."

In March of 2001, Ritchie Valens was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Ritchie Valens continues to inspire generations of musicians and is an example of how, even when it seems like there is no path to your dream, you make your own way and build your own path.

Ritchie Valens is an example of the talent that exists in our community, and his legacy is a source of pride for our Pacoima community.

I am honored to offer H.R. 1253 in celebration of the great Ritchie Valens' life, a true trailblazer.

I can tell you, I have witnessed being outside of the United States, for example, when the song "La Bamba" comes on, and every child, usually from the age of 1, 5, 6, 7, or 8—they just can't help it—they just start to move, and they recognize that beautiful music.

To be able to honor this man and his family by naming a post office after him is truly an opportunity that I appreciate, and the entire community appreciates as well.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1253, introduced by Representative TONY CÁRDENAS. This bill names the post office located in Pacoima, California, in honor of Ritchie Valens.

Valens was born in Pacoima. It was there where he discovered his passion for music. After his raw talent was noticed by a producer at a performance, his career took off.

In his short 17 years of life, Valens recorded classic singles, as we heard, as "La Bamba," "Donna," and "Come On, Let's Go."

Tragically, he was killed in a plane crash along with Buddy Holly and J.P. Richardson, a day now referred to as the day music died.

In 2001, Valens was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Although Valens may no longer be with us, his music will endure for generations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1253.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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LIEUTENANT MICHAEL R.
DAVIDSON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1833) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1833

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

SECTION 1. LIEUTENANT MICHAEL R. DAVIDSON
POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson 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 "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from New York (Miss RICE).

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 1833, which would rename a postal facility in Floral Park, New York, after FDNY Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty a year and a half ago.

My district on Long Island has a long and proud tradition of service in the New York City Fire Department. For generations, young men and women from New York's Fourth Congressional District have joined the FDNY, following in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents. They choose a life of service and sacrifice and dedicate their lives to protecting others.

Lieutenant Michael Davidson was a part of that tradition. Lieutenant Da-

vidson joined the FDNY in May of 2003. Assigned to Harlem Engine Company 69, Michael had the opportunity to serve side by side with his father, Robert, who spent most of his 26-year career at that same firehouse.

Michael was known among his colleagues for his bravery and lifesaving actions, and he received four citations for valor during his career.

As a "nozzle man," he fought fires from the front of the hose and was often the first sent into burning buildings.

On March 22, 2018, Lieutenant Davidson was called to battle a five-alarm fire on a movie set in Harlem. And, as usual, Davidson was the point man on the team that entered the building's basement to fight the blaze.

Conditions quickly became too dangerous for the firefighters to withstand, and, though the unit was ordered to retreat, Lieutenant Davidson was separated from his team in the thick smoke. His colleagues later found him unconscious, and he tragically passed away the next day at Harlem Hospital.

Lieutenant Davidson's death was a devastating and unshakeable loss for the FDNY; for Engine Company 69; for Floral Park; but, most of all, for his family and friends.

That is why this bill is not just about honoring a fallen hero. It is also about honoring a highly respected member of our community; a beloved neighbor; and, above all, a devoted husband to his wife, Eileen, and a loving father of four young children.

Renaming our post office in Floral Park will ensure that Lieutenant Davidson's treasured memory is always in our hearts and minds and that his service and sacrifice are never forgotten.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a hero and supporting H.R. 1833.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1833, to name a post office located in Floral Park, New York, in honor of Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson.

Lieutenant Davidson honorably served the New York City Fire Department for 15 years. On March 22, 2018, Lieutenant Davidson lost his life while responding to a five-alarm fire. In dangerous conditions, Lieutenant Davidson became separated from his unit. When he was found later, he was unconscious. Lieutenant Davidson passed away the very next day.

He was known for his bravery and his devotion to his wife and four young children. Our country owes a debt of gratitude to first responders like Lieutenant Davidson. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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

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