

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,