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Mr. Speaker, I can think of no better way to pay tribute to this feisty loving person, Rose Caracappa, than to designate this post office building in her loving memory. On behalf of the Caracappa family and all the people of Suffolk County, I thank the committee, and I thank this House for taking up this important legislation.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman from New York [Mr. FORBES] has said everything that needs to be said about the person to whom we are dedicating this post office.

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

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3139, a bill I introduced to designate the post office in Centereach, Long Island, NY, the "Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building."

Rose Caracappa was one of New York's most celebrated legislators. Rose, a feisty, outspoken legislator died suddenly from a heart attack in 1995. It was a great loss for the people of Long Island because Rose was one of New York's pioneer legislators. In honors usually reserved for uniformed personnel, Rose's funeral procession was led by 13 police motorcyclists and followed by a half-dozen fire and emergency vehicles with one clanging a bell, the symbol of a fallen firefighter.

Before being elected to serve in the Suffolk County Legislature, Rose volunteered her services to the local PTA, her church, the Girl and Cub Scouts, and the Salvation Army. In 1981, after having worked as a legislative aide in the Suffolk County Legislature, Rose decided to run for county legislator of the fourth district and won. She served as the lone conservative in the Suffolk County Legislature for nearly 15 years.

As a Suffolk County legislator, Rose was responsible for providing Suffolk County police with body armor and for sponsoring the open-space acquisition of Camp Barstow, a former Girl Scout camp on Long Island. During her tenure as a Suffolk County legislator, she served as chairwoman of the public works, veterans, and seniors committees.

Rose is best known for being a tireless champion for the police, firefighters, senior citizens, and veterans of all of New York. While chairing the Veterans Affairs Committee, Rose was proud to have sponsored legislation for the Armed Forces Plaza in Hauppauge. At the time of her death, Rose was working to build a World War II monument in honor of all those that served. Rose was the key legislator who orchestrated the building of a Korean war veterans monument and a women veterans monument, the first in Suffolk County, which have been erected at the Hauppauge site.

What made Rose so special was not only her leadership in the Suffolk County Legislature, but her genuine concern for the people she served.

Everything that she really cared about had to do with people, not buildings, budgets, or politics. She truly was one of the people. Because the people thought of Rose as one of them, constituents would regularly go to Rose's office with their problems and concerns. Rose would think nothing of digging into her purse to give a constituent money for a bill.

I can think of no better way to pay tribute to one of New York's most lively legislators than to honor her by redesignating the post office in Centereach in her name. Her record of public service deserves this worthy acknowledgment.

ROSE CARACAPPA

Rose was born on October 14, 1938, in Huntington, Long Island. She was appropriately born during an historical month and year, two weeks after the hurricane of 1938, and two weeks before the Orson Wells radio show broadcasting the infamous alien invasion. In 1940, at the age of two, Rose and her family moved to Brooklyn, where she was raised and educated.

In 1964, Rose moved to the hamlet of Selden and still resides in the same home after twenty-seven years, where she raised her three children, Deborah, Nicholas and Joseph. Rose's daughter Deborah now resides in Brunswick, Ohio, with her husband, James.

As a concerned parent and taxpayer, Rose volunteered her services to the local PTA, church and civic organizations, Girl and Cub Scouts, the Salvation Army, the Cancer Fund and the Jerry Lewis MS Fundraising Committee.

Before becoming an elected official in 1982, Rose worked in banking, real estate and as a Legislative Aide in the Suffolk County Legislature under various Presiding Officers. Having a full background in County government, Rose ran for County Legislator of the Fourth District in 1981 and has successfully been re-elected to five terms.

During her tenure as Suffolk County Legislator, Rose has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors in appreciation of her public service. She has gained much experience and an overall knowledge in all levels of government. Rose was Chairperson of the Veterans Affairs Committee for three years, chaired the Public Works and Dredging & Screen Committees for five years, and for the past two years, she has served as Chair of the Legislative, Personnel & Government committee. Rose has also been a member of the Human Services, Ways & Means, Health, Transportation, Hazardous Materials, Senior Citizens, Public Safety, Finance & Education, Environment & Energy, and Education & Youth, Budget Ad Hoc, and Insurance & Risk Management committees, as well as a member of the Health & Safety Grievance Council. Rose also serves as an advisory member for the Suffolk County Council of Boy Scouts, and served on the Development Committee of APPLE.

While chairing the Veterans Affairs Committee, Rose is proud to have sponsored legislation for the Viet Nam Memorial in Farmingville, as well as the Armed Forces Plaza in Hauppauge, and for acquiring land for the American Legion Convention Center in Setauket. Rose also formed two commissions to study proposals for a Korean War Veterans Monument and a Women Veterans Monument, the first in Suffolk County, which have been erected at the Hauppauge site.

On May 28, 1995, Legislator Rose Caracappa passed away.

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to rise today in support of a bill to redesignate the U.S. Post Office building in Centereach, NY, as the "Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building." I am proud to be a cosponsor of this bill, and I commend my colleague, MIKE FORBES, for introducing this legislation.

I served with Rose during my 4 years in the Suffolk County legislature. I succeed Rose as the chair of the legislature's Committee on Veterans and Seniors. I knew Rose well. She was a great friend not only to me, but also to Suffolk County's veterans and seniors. Her passing touched local veterans and seniors very deeply.

Yet, her work lives on. She was responsible for the placement of several of the war monuments to both men and women veterans at Veterans Plaza outside the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge. Rose never missed a parade in honor of veterans and often could be seen marching with them in annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades. She was truly a patriot and a great American. We all miss her greatly, and it is fitting that this tribute will endure in her absence.

Mr. MCHUGH. 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 New York [Mr. MCHUGH] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3139.

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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3139.

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

There was no objection.

ROGER P. McAULIFFE POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3834) to redesignate the Dunning Post Office in Chicago, IL, as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3834

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

SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION.

The Dunning Post Office, located at 6441 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois, shall be redesignated and know as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office".