

him to the bench in Geauga County. He was credited with closing the Pettibone Club, a gambling club in Chardon.

He later moved to Chagrin Falls and was appointed to the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas bench by Lausche in 1953. He was the judge who released Sam Sheppard on \$50,000 bond in 1954 after Sheppard was arrested and charged with murdering his wife, Marilyn.

Thomas served on the Common Pleas bench until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson appointed him to the U.S. District Court in Cleveland.

He earned a reputation as a hard-working, thorough judge who worked through most federal holidays. He was careful and deliberate in what he said, preferring to issue his decisions in writing and avoiding rash decisions from the bench.

His approach to the courtroom was simple, he said: "Keep your head. Don't sound off until you've really had an opportunity to think things through."

Retired U.S. District Judge Thomas D. Lambros—who was appointed by Johnson in 1967—said he first met Thomas when they were both Common Pleas judges and Thomas was serving as president of a statewide association of judges.

Lambros said Thomas worked hard at improving both the court operations and dealing with the flood of civil rights law that was made in 1960s and 1970s.

"We had to deal with some very important constitutional issues which touched the lives of millions of people," Lambros said. "It was truly one of the highlights of my judicial career to have had the opportunity to serve with Bill Thomas."

Thomas has been a senior judge since 1981, handling a small docket of cases and occasionally handling trials to help out other judges.

He said he was not certain what he would do in complete retirement. His wife, Dorothy, passed away in 1992. He remains close to his four children and plans to do some writing—"nothing fancy, just a few notes for my children," he said.

"I've learned over the years to never look backwards and be thinking in terms of I'm missing what I was doing," he said. "I just try to find new things to do."

JOSE V. TOLEDO UNITED STATES  
POST OFFICE AND COURTHOUSE

**HON. CARLOS A. ROMERO-BARCELÓ**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 1998*

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the outstanding service of the late Judge José Victor Toledo, today I introduce a bill to designate the United States Post Office and Courthouse in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico as the "José V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse."

Judge José Toledo served on the bench of the United States District Court, District of Puerto Rico, from December 1, 1970 to February 1980, when he died in office at the age of 49. He rose to the position of Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court in Puerto Rico and served with great distinction in that capacity until the moment of his untimely death.

"Pepe" Toledo, as he was known to many, was regarded by those who knew him prior to and after his appointment to the Federal bench as a man of paramount integrity and a loyal public servant. Judge Toledo was born August 14, 1931 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. He

received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1952 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Puerto Rico Law School in 1955. Prior to his appointment to the Federal bench, Judge Toledo served as an Assistant United States Attorney, as a partner of several law firms in Puerto Rico, and as a lawyer in local government in Puerto Rico. He served in the United States Army as a Member of the Judge Advocate Corps.

Judge Toledo was also a distinguished leader of the Exchange Clubs of Puerto Rico, through which he proudly served his community in Puerto Rico. He demonstrated his value to the organization through his involvement and commitment both at the local and national levels.

As expressed by the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court in Puerto Rico, the Honorable Carmen Consuelo Cerezo, on behalf of the judges of the Federal court of Puerto Rico, "Judge José V. Toledo earned the respect of the public, the bar, and the bench for his patience, impartiality, fairness and decorum in the adjudication of the controversies brought before him. Judge Toledo set high standards for himself, yet he had a refreshing humility and capacity to understand the problems of others. His hallmarks were learning in wisdom, tempered by a tremendous feeling for people."

The U.S. Post Office and Courthouse in Old San Juan, built in 1914, stands above the foundations of the ancient-city wall that has guarded the harbor-entrance to the city for more than 300 years. Built only 15 years after Puerto Rico became a U.S. territory, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places of the U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service. The site represents the eclecticism of American Architecture of the late XIX and early XX centuries, as it integrates American-Spanish-Revival, Sullivanian and Beaux Arts Neoclassical Revival styles. The "Correo," as it has been known to generations of Puerto Ricans, is an imposing and beautiful structure which has stood magnificently within the old city walls, and within the hearts of Puerto Ricans as a symbol of the greatness of times past and of the importance of the U.S. Postal Service in Puerto Rico. It is fitting that this structure, so dear to us, should carry the name of Judge José V. Toledo.

The judges of the United States District Court, District of Puerto Rico, who voted unanimously to recommend the naming of the Federal courthouse in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico in honor of José V. Toledo, referred to the late Judge Toledo as a "learned jurist, outstanding citizen, and excellent human being." I am immensely proud to honor his memory with this bill to designate the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico as the "José V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse."

IN MEMORY OF DAVID M.  
CAWTHORNE, JR., TRANSPORTATION  
JOURNALIST

**HON. BUD SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 1998*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to acknowledge with great sadness, the passing of a widely known and respected transportation

journalist, Mr. David M. Cawthorne, Jr. His untimely passing at the age of 49 in January of this year has left a great gap in the Washington transportation community. Dave spent more than two decades covering regulatory issues at the Department of Transportation and the old Interstate Commerce Commission, as well as its successor, the Surface Transportation Board. It is probably safe to say that there is not a transportation lawyer, executive, or Washington representative who had not encountered Dave during his distinguished career. Many of the people he first met as Congressional staff or agency personnel have now risen to highly responsible executive positions in government and in the private sector. One small measure of this was the large number of his friends in the transportation community who recently attended his funeral in Washington. Rather than attempt to encapsulate Dave's career myself, I think that his personal legacy was better captured by the Chairperson of the Surface Transportation Board, Linda Morgan—herself a former Congressional staffer—in her memorial address at Dave's funeral. As a tribute to Mr. Cawthorne and the highest of journalistic standards he always stood for, I ask that her remarks be reprinted here.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DAVID M. CAWTHORNE,  
JR.

COMMENTS BY LINDA J. MORGAN, CHAIRMAN,  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD, JANUARY  
21, 1998

Today we are gathered to celebrate our association with Dave, and in particular the many ways in which he inspired us and the many gifts that he gave us. I am truly honored to be able to share some of my thoughts about a very special friend and colleague.

I have thought a great deal about Dave over the last couple of days, as I know all of you have. In thinking about Dave, I am reminded that, in a town where there is so much focus on what titles people have or what job accomplishments people can claim, it is important to remember that what is a true test of a person is not so much what that person has done, but how that person has done it, or who that person really is.

Dave was quite a person. He was an individual of immeasurable human decency, profound inner strength, deep intellectual curiosity and commitment to thoroughness, impressive personal and professional integrity, and an unforgettable uniqueness.

All of us can relay our own experiences with Dave's decency. There was the call to congratulate you on something or the offer of support when you needed it, or the way he completed almost every contact with "sorry to disturb you" or "thanks so much for your time." Recently, my 12-year old daughter was with me at the office, and we ran into Dave and had a conversation. When I told her that my friend Dave had died, she said: "I remember Dave. He was that man we met at your office who seemed so nice." Dave, seen clearly through the unjaded eyes of a 12-year old, was a person who always remembered mutual respect and common courtesy.

And then there was his inner strength. No matter what personal or professional challenge he faced, he kept on going. He seemed to understand that life in its fullest is one challenge after another to tackle, one obstacle after another to overcome. And perhaps because of that awareness, he never stopped trying, and he never lost his spirit, his good humor, and his compassion for others. Wish that we all could struggle with such grace.

And then there was his intellectual curiosity and thoroughness. I have worked in the transportation arena for almost 20 years and