

suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 292, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JAMES T. LEONARD, SR. POST
OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3810) to designate the United States Post Office located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, New Jersey, as the "James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3810

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, New Jersey, shall be known and designated as the "James T. Leonard, Sr. 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 "James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3810 was introduced by my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS). The legislation was introduced on May 7, 1998, and is cosponsored by the entire House delegation from the State of New Jersey pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 3810 designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, New Jersey as the James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS).

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the bill to name the United States Post Office in Garwood, New Jersey, after James T. Leonard, Sr.

James Leonard was one of those special individuals who devoted his life to serving his community. Whether it was founding the local rescue squad, volunteering with the fire department, or serving as a special police officer, he was always there to lend a hand to people in need.

To his friends and neighbors in this small Union County community in which he lived, Judge Leonard was affectionately known as "Mr. Garwood."

During his 6 decades of service to his community, James served as mayor, councilman, recorder, magistrate, and finally judge of the Garwood Municipal Court. By the time he retired in 1989, Judge Leonard had earned the distinction of being the last municipal court judge in New Jersey who was not a lawyer. He was also one of the longest serving municipal court judges.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3810 so that we could pay tribute to a great American who gave so much to the community he loved. Naming the Garwood Post Office after James T. Leonard, Sr. is a fitting honor to a man who will always be remembered as "Mr. Garwood."

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to, first of all, join with my colleague from Texas in urging the House to favorably consider H.R. 3810. This is one of the many of the naming bills that we will consider today, but it is singularly important to the sponsor of this bill and has been cosponsored by the entire New Jersey delegation. I would like to rise in favorable support of this bill and ask for its consideration before the House.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, in its resolution number 98191, dated April 14, 1998, the mayor and the council of the Borough of Garwood, Union County, New Jersey formally requested that the Garwood Post Office be named in honor of Mr. James T. Leonard. I also urge all Members to support this legislation.

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 Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 3810.

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. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3810, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

RAY J. FAVRE POST OFFICE
BUILDING

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill

(H.R. 2623) to designate the United States Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Mississippi, as the "Ray J. Favre Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2623

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Mississippi, shall be known and designated as the "Ray J. Favre Post Office Building".

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 "Ray J. Favre Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2623 was introduced on October 7, 1997, by our distinguished colleague from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR). The legislation enjoys the cosponsorship of the entire House delegation from the State of his Mississippi pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 2623 designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Mississippi as the "Ray J. Favre Post Office."

Mr. Favre was appointed postmaster of Kiln in 1940 and served in that position until his retirement in 1976. He was known for his prompt, courteous, and efficient service to all who use the postal facility. On many occasions, he went beyond the call of duty to provide aid and assistance, particularly to the people who were indigent.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors honored Mr. Favre on his retirement by proclaiming August 29, 1976, as "Ray Favre Day" in Hancock County. The Veterans of Foreign Wars also held ceremonies at their post honoring him upon his retirement. He was a member of several civic associations in Kiln until his death in April of 1996.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors unanimously requested that the Kiln Post Office be named in Mr. Favre's honor.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support this legislation and to honor Mr. Favre as a dedicated postal employee for his consistent work during his daily employment and for his exemplary work in the community.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let me also rise in support of H.R. 2623. The House would have to take note that the only reason that

this bill is before us, and one of the greatest pleasures that I have had as ranking member of this Subcommittee on Postal Service, is that I have the opportunity to work so closely with my colleague, the gentleman from the great State of Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) who introduced and sponsored this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield whatever time he would need to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) for him to articulate to the House his reasons for offering this legislation.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH).

I would like to tell my fellow members that this could well be the tale of two Favres. A few years ago, after the Dallas Cowboys defeated the Green Bay Packers in the NFL championship game on a Sunday, the following Friday, I visited a fish fry at St. Paul's Catholic School in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

The purpose of the fish fry was to raise money for the elementary school, and it was done in a competition, where the group that raised the most money got to name the king and queen of St. Paul's carnival parade in Pass Christian.

One of the contestants was a lovely lady by the name of Bonita Favre. She has the distinction of being the mother of three wonderful children, one of whom is Bret Favre.

During the week that transpired between the Packers loss to the Cowboys and this Friday night, Bret was named Most Valuable Player of the NFL. So when I go to the fish fry on Friday night at Pass Christian, you would fully expect the recently appointed Most Valuable Player of the NFL to show up in a limousine, probably a Hollywood starlet on each arm, probably enough jewelry around his neck to retire the national debt.

Let us just say that I was very pleasantly surprised as I walked into the school cafeteria and looked over in the corner to see a young man who had just been named the most valuable of the NFL in a T-shirt, wearing a pair of brown khaki pants and some tennis shoes.

He is over in the corner, not talking to reporters, but playing rock, paper, and scissors with two local teenagers. I was thinking to myself I have seen all the people that have a lot of fame and idolization, and sometimes it does good things for them, and sometimes it ruins them. The first thought of mine is he is obviously handling this very well.

Bret probably could have very easily written a check for his mom to win this contest, but they decided to do it the way everyone else does, with fish fries where the local fisherman donate the fish and the shrimp and the oysters. The local men get together, clean them, and prepare them. Everyone goes through the line at \$5 a pop.

I just thought it was absolutely remarkable that this young man, the son of two public schoolteachers in rural Mississippi, had done so well in such a short amount of time and handled it so well.

Based on that, I wrote the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and said there is going to be a new post office in Kiln, Mississippi, the community nearest to where Bret is from. He is actually from a smaller community called Fenton. Maybe we should name it in honor of him.

The board, in their wisdom, came back and really gave me a lesson in life. They said, think about it. This young man has had his photograph on the cover of almost every magazine and newspaper in the world. He has already been the Most Valuable Player. He will undoubtedly in his lifetime, and he since has won a couple of Super Bowls, won a Super Bowl and appeared in another. He gets plenty of idolization. Let us do something in honoring a good person.

If you have had the great privilege of seeing the movie "Saving Private Ryan," you know one of the most moving scenes at the end is when Private Ryan, the character who plays Private Ryan is crying at the grave site of one of the people, Captain John Miller, who saves his life. He turns to his wife and says, Am I a good man? Tell me I am a good man.

The person that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors chose to honor with this post office was a good man. It marks the fourth good man that I have had the privilege of helping to, working with my colleagues, to name a building after.

The first was my immediate predecessor, Congressman Larkin Smith, former sheriff and congressman, very well respected, someone else who worked himself up from his bootstraps and died tragically in a plane crash.

Another was an incredibly brave young Mississippian from Eastabuchie, Mississippi, by the name of Roy Wheat who threw himself on a land mine during the Vietnam War to save the lives of three other Marines, who was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

A third was probably the most lovable man any city in Mississippi produced, by the name of Johnny Longo, who served for better than 30 years as an elected official in his hometown of Waverly, Mississippi.

Being a good man is more than receiving a Medal of Honor. It is more than being a Congressman. It is more than being a lifetime elected official. Being a good man is the greatest compliment that any of us can hope to obtain when it is all said and done about us.

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Mr. Favre spent his life serving his hometown of Kiln, Mississippi. For 36 years he was their postmaster. He married a local girl in 1945, was the loving

father of Rae Ann Normand, Nancy V. Smith and Edward R. Favre. He was very active in his church. But more than anything else, he served the people he loved for 36 years.

About 4 years ago a heck of a lot of people were elected to Congress because they said they hated their country; they hated the people who worked for their country. I thought that was wrong then. I still think that is wrong. Mr. Favre loved his country and he loved serving his country. He did not need the limelight, he just wanted to do a good job.

So I stand before my colleagues today, number one, to thank the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for honoring a good man, and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to do the same. And let us see to it that this great public servant, who served that community so well for so long, is honored in an appropriate manner.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Once again we have heard from the gentleman from Mississippi about people who have served our country not only as good husbands and fathers but also as postal employees, and I too give thanks for Mr. Favre, for his 36 years of service to the people of Mississippi and the people of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2623.

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. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2623, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

JEROME ANTHONY AMBRO, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3167) to designate the United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3167

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