

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

Madam Speaker, let me first of all express my appreciation to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) and the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD), and all of the minority members, including, of course, the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), for their continued and continuous support on these kinds of measures.

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I do think it is a very fine example as to how the majority and minority can work toward a common good and a common action.

I also want to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), the chairman of the full committee, for his continuous support in these efforts and for helping us to expedite consideration as we wind down the end of this legislative session so that we can, indeed, pay tribute to a very deserving individual.

I want to say that I certainly agree with the comments of the two previous speakers. The cause of this crime was despicable, and I think it is true as well that all Americans find hate and find the kinds of actions fueled by the hate in this instance to be unspeakably evil. And to the extent that we can make a statement against that in this forum, that is a positive thing.

But I would say that we are here today honoring an individual who fell and who was victimized and who we think would be worthy of this honor regardless of the motivations of the criminal who took his life. This is a man who has, through his life, through his roots and the way in which he has overcome, earned all of our admiration.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Iletto I think in many ways is a perfect profile for the American dream, a gentleman who works hard, someone who carries the common values that have continuously bound this Nation together through our more than two centuries of existence. And regardless of his race, his color, his religious beliefs or any other distinguishing factor is a man fully deserving of this honor today.

So with that, Madam Speaker, I offer again our deepest sympathies to Mr. Iletto's family, to his loved ones, and to those who knew him and urge that all Members support this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). 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. 3189.

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. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3189, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

THOMAS J. BROWN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2307) to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2307

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, shall be known and designated as the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

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

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2307 was introduced by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) on June 22 of this year. This legislation designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, as the Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building.

Both the relevant subcommittee and committee approved this legislation, which is cosponsored by the entire House delegation of the State of Massachusetts.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Brown is a past president of the Boston Athletic Association and former postmaster of the town of Hopkinton, which is the starting point for the Boston Marathon. Mr. Brown has been actively involved in the Boston Marathon in his capacity as president of the Boston Athletic Association.

Madam Speaker, again we are here, as we did in the first bill, although under very, very different circumstances, paying tribute to an individual who perhaps does not find his name on the front page of the Nation's newspapers or as one of the lead stories on the evening news broadcast. But,

nevertheless, we are here honoring a man who has, through his association, both with the Postal Service and with his activities and love of his community, has shown great leadership in important ways.

I would say, Madam Speaker, that Mr. Brown is a kind of testament to, again, the American way of life, to someone who is not involved in any kind of community activity for power or glory or certainly for enrichment, but rather cares about their neighbors, cares about his association with those neighbors, and works simply to make today better than yesterday and, hopefully, tomorrow a little bit better than today.

I would certainly urge all of our colleagues to support H.R. 2307 and honor this postal employee who is so actively involved in a very important part of his town's history. And I am always, as chairman of the subcommittee, particularly gratified when those postal employees, nearly 900,000 individuals who each day make this wonderful system work so well, are honored in this manner, particularly, as it does in this case, occurring in their hometown in the very facility in which they discharge those duties.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I join the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) in his comments with regard to honoring this wonderful former postmaster. As a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join him in consideration of H.R. 2307.

H.R. 2307, introduced by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) on June 22, 1999, seeks to honor Mr. Thomas J. Brown. Mr. Brown is the former postmaster of the town of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and past president of the Boston Athletic Association. Hopkinton, Massachusetts, is the starting point for the Boston Marathon, and Mr. Brown has been extensively involved in this race in his capacity as president of the BAA.

Designating a post office after a former postmaster is an excellent way to honor Mr. Brown's achievement. Madam Speaker, I could go on into further detail about the numerous community activities Mr. Brown is involved in, but I would prefer to yield time to the sponsor of H.R. 2307, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN).

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I yield 3½ minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN).

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) not only for his support but for yielding me this time.