

Mr. Speaker, I again commend my colleague for introducing this measure and urge its swift passage.

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

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GRUCCI).

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the September 11 attacks against our Nation, it is now important than ever to live each day with a sense of renewed spirit. It is for this reason that I stand before you today in support of my bill, H.R. 308, which supports the goals of National Motivation and Inspiration Day.

Throughout history, motivation and inspiration have been vital components of all great movements. They are qualities that have played an invaluable role in the intellectual movements, the civil rights movements, the suffrage movements and many more. All great leaders from Martin Luther King, Jr., and Winston Churchill to Ronald Reagan and Mother Theresa have all shared, among other things, the ability to motivate the masses and inspire them to achieve great goals.

In our daily lives we look to our teachers, parents, coaches, and clergy to do the same, whether it is in the victory at the end of a sporting event, a record-breaking year in the sales department, making the dean's list, or earning the rank of officer in our fine military forces, progress and betterment for all people is certain to arise from motivation and inspiration.

On September 11 we were all inspired by the hundreds of firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers who ran up and into the Twin Towers to save the lives of the thousands of people while sacrificing their own. The actions of these brave men and women on September 11 have motivated each American to do something to better contribute to the good of our society. Today we need to publicly recognize the importance of motivation and inspiration in our daily lives.

House Resolution 308 supports the goals of celebrating National Motivation and Inspiration Day on January 2 of each year, a time that is traditionally used for reflection, planning, and goal setting. There is no better time to celebrate motivation and inspiration than during the season of New Year's resolutions, when we are all trying to find ways to maintain our goals throughout the year.

While this resolution does not directly designate this day, it highlights the importance of motivation and inspiration and the valuable role those qualities should play in the education of our children in the United States and around the globe.

I would like to thank the Committee on Government Reform chairman, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BURTON), and the majority leader, the gentleman

from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), and their staff for helping me bring this measure to the floor. I would also like to thank my constituent and my friend, Kevin McCrudden, whose birthday it is today, for coming up with this idea and for working closely with me and my staff to see that this comes to fruition.

Mr. Speaker, you do not have to be inspired by the greatest things in life. It is some of the smaller things that inspire people to move to greatness. One of the things that has inspired and motivated me on this House floor is the day that I traveled to New York with the Congressional delegation to visit the infamous Ground Zero. And as I was walking down the streets and getting closer and closer and recognizing the enormity of the damage and the severity of what transpired, the pain in people's hearts as I moved closer, what inspired me most was the passion in the eyes of the firefighters and the police officers. As you can look down into their soul and see what motivated them, that is what has been motivating me on the floor to continue that fight and to help them to move and to get accomplished the things that they have set out to accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in support of this resolution.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers; and as I prepare to close, let me again congratulate the gentleman for his very thoughtful resolution and for it coming at a time of great need. Because even as we stand here today, a great shadow is being cast across America, the shadow of economic crisis, of recession. We are now in our 14th month of decline in industrial production. There are 100,000 workers losing their jobs each week. More than 1.3 million Americans have lost their jobs this year. Poverty and homelessness are on the rise. And as usual, the largest group of the poor are the children. Tens of millions of them are without affordable health care.

Suddenly thousands of people cannot pay their mortgages, cannot afford to continue college education. The hopes of millions of Americans who struggle to enter the mainstream of American economic life, to share in the American dream during the past decade, are now being dashed.

The economic crisis has been worsened by the terrorist attacks of September 11. But despite the heartfelt outpouring of support from Americans of every socio-economic group for the victims of the terrorists, there still remain masses of poor people who are finding it difficult to survive in our country.

So this resolution, this resolution calling for the inspiration and motivation that people need to dream, to believe that their lives can become whatever it is that they would endeavor to make life be, to know that no matter

how dark it is at night, that there is sunshine in the morning. And so the idea of hope, of motivation, of inspiration of helping people to know that they can overcome any obstacles, overcome any fears, that they are in control of their own destinies, and they can help to make America and the world even greater than anything that we have ever experienced.

Again, I commend the gentleman and urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

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

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), along with the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, and ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), for expediting consideration of this resolution. I commend my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GRUCCI).

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support House Resolution 308.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 308, as amended.

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

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: "Resolution supporting the goals of a National Motivation and Inspiration Day."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VERNON TARLTON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3072) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3072

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

SECTION 1. VERNON TARLTON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Vernon Tarlton 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 Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. 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. 3072.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3072, and I commend the distinguished gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR) for introducing this bill. This measure designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, as the Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building. H.R. 3072 is supported by all members of the North Carolina delegation.

Mr. Speaker, in all corners of our great Nation we find many citizens who give so much to their communities. It is true of my own district and of each and every Member of Congress. Vernon Tarlton is one of these individuals.

A lifelong champion of Forest City in Rutherford County, North Carolina, Vernon Tarlton's list of accomplishments is long, varied, and distinguished. He served on the Forest City Board of Commissioners and was named one of the Outstanding City Councilmen in North Carolina.

He has received several awards to honor his community service. He was named the Rutherford County Volunteer of the Year. In 2000, he was honored by the Kiwanis Club as its Citizen of the Year. Furthermore, Vernon Tarlton received the North Carolina Governors Award for Outstanding Volunteer. Mr. Tarlton continues to take an active part in the Presbyterian church, serving as an elder and a trustee.

Finally, although in poor health, Vernon Tarlton worked tirelessly with property owners and postal officials to locate the site on which the new postal facility is to be built.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we honor the many contributions of Vernon Tarlton by naming the post office at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, for him.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this important legislation.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my colleague, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS), in the House consideration of H.R. 3072, which names the post office in Forest City, North Carolina, after Mr. Vernon Tarlton. This measure was introduced by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR) on October 9, 2001. H.R. 3072 has met the committee policy and is supported and cosponsored by the entire North Carolina delegation.

Mr. Tarlton is a lifelong member of the Forest City community. He has spent his time working for the betterment of his neighborhood and of the great State of North Carolina. He is a man of great faith and serves his Presbyterian church as both an elder and trustee. Last year, he was named the 2000 Citizen of the Year by the Kiwanis Club and is a recipient of the North Carolina Governors Award for Outstanding Volunteer.

Mr. Speaker, this is a man who truly cares about his community. So much so, that he has worked tirelessly on the bringing in of a new postal facility to the city. Mr. Tarlton's efforts have not been in vain. Passage of H.R. 3072 means that the new facility will be named after Mr. Tarlton. I cannot think of a better honor for one who has worked so diligently on behalf of his neighbors, friends, and other residents of his community.

I would urge passage of this postal-naming bill.

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

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I again thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), the ranking member, along with the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), the ranking member, for expediting consideration of this measure.

Again, I urge all Members to support this measure.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3072.

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.

RAYMOND M. DOWNEY POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3379) to designate the facility of the United States

Postal Service located at 375 Carlls Path in Deer Park, New York, as the "Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3379

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

SECTION 1. RAYMOND M. DOWNEY POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 375 Carlls Path in Deer Park, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Raymond M. Downey 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 Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. 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. 3379.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3379 introduced, by my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL), is an important piece of legislation that designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 375 Carlls Path in Deer Park, New York, as the Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building. It carries the support of the entire New York congressional delegation.

Mr. Speaker, we lost many heroes in New York on September 11, but the loss of Chief Downey was an especially difficult one. A New York firefighter for 35 years, Raymond Downey's long and distinguished career is worth noting. He served with ladder and engine companies and with rescue squad companies.

He commanded Rescue Company 2 for 14 years. Chief Downey became a battalion chief in August 1994. Most recently, Chief Downey led the Special Operations Command, whose duties include rescue work, marine operations and the handling of dangerous materials.

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He was one of the Nation's leading experts on rescue operations at collapsed buildings.

Furthermore, Raymond Downey led a New York Fire Department special unit to assist in recovery efforts at the