

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

RECORD votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

DR. ROSWELL N. BECK POST  
OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1055) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1055

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

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building".

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS).

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TOM 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 the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

H.R. 1055, introduced by my distinguished colleague from the State of South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN), designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, the great State of South Carolina and indeed all of America lost a wonderful humanitarian when Dr. Roswell Nathaniel Beck, Sr., sadly passed away in January. Dr. Beck, who was not only a caring man, but in fact, a practicing physician, was

probably best known as an ambitious community organizer and political activist in the Florence area. I understand he was one of the most influential and beloved personalities in South Carolina's 6th District, which the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) represents. More importantly, Dr. Beck was a wonderful family man, as well as a friend to countless South Carolina residents, who looked up to him.

I assure Dr. Beck's family, especially his wife, Barbara and their children, Janice, Celeste, and Dr. Roswell Beck, Jr., and friends that the thoughts and prayers of all Members in this House are with them.

Mr. Speaker, it is very appropriate that this House recognize Dr. Roswell N. Beck by naming a post office building after him in his hometown of Florence, South Carolina. Therefore, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 1055.

I thank my colleague from South Carolina for introducing this important measure.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS), the chairman, in consideration of H.R. 1055, legislation naming a postal facility after the late Dr. Roswell N. Beck, Sr.

H.R. 1055, introduced by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) on March 4, 2003, enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the entire South Carolina congressional delegation.

Dr. Beck was born in South Carolina, attended Fisk University and received his medical degree at the prestigious Meharry College of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. After completing his residency in Baltimore, Maryland, and Mt. Sinai in New York, Dr. Beck served with great distinction in the Korean War as a medic in the Medical Corps. After winning a Bronze Star for service rendered in the war, Dr. Beck returned home to live and practice in Florence, South Carolina.

Described by the many dignitaries who attended his funeral on January 10, 2003, as a great humanitarian, physician, political power broker, accomplished musician and family man, Dr. Beck's life was dedicated to improving the quality of life for his fellow man. He organized the Florence Committee for Community Affairs, brought the first Head Start program to his town, served as chairman of the Voter Education Project, was an active member of the South Carolina Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the South Carolina Commission on Human Relations, and served as a trustee of the Medical University of South Carolina.

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As chairman of the Voter Education Project, Dr. Beck was the driving force

in promoting the need for citizens to register and vote.

As an active member of his church and community, Dr. Beck was the recipient of numerous awards and citations. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Beck, and their three children, Janice Beck, Celeste Abdullah, and Dr. Roswell N. Beck, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud my colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN), for seeking to honor Dr. Roswell N. Beck, Sr., in this manner. I urge swift passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) was trying to get here, and maybe he will come before we finish the next bill and will get an opportunity to speak to his bill naming the post office after Dr. Roswell N. Beck.

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and while I have no further requests for time, I would like to ensure that the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) has the opportunity to place his statement, when it comes in, at the appropriate point in the RECORD. It is he and his office that have called this bill to our attention, and we are very happy to move it very quickly to honor the memory of this very great South Carolinian.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from the great State of South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN), the author of this legislation.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman and the ranking member, and I especially thank the ranking member for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill honors the life and accomplishments of a consummate country doctor, the memory of a decorated Korean War veteran, the heroism of a courageous American, and the fearlessness of an outstanding South Carolinian, Dr. Roswell Nathaniel Beck, Sr.

Dr. Beck was born in Georgetown, South Carolina. After completing high school, he left the safe confines of his home and matriculated at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he received a bachelor of arts degree. After completing his course work at Fisk, Dr. Beck attended Meharry Medical College where he received his medical degree. After finishing his medical residency requirements in Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Beck returned to South Carolina in 1948 and began practicing in Florence. He took great pride in addressing the medical needs of his community.

In 1951, Dr. Beck left South Carolina once again, but this time it was to answer the call of his country and serve in the Korean War. Dr. Beck performed valiantly in the medical corps and was awarded the Bronze Star for service in war.