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Mr. John G. Dow was a former Member of Congress and a staunchly liberal New York Democrat from the lower Hudson Valley. One of the earliest congressional opponents of the Vietnam War, he died in March of this year at the age of 97. John Dow was born in New York City in 1905 and grew up in New Jersey. His family later moved to Kennebunkport, Maine. He graduated from Harvard University, became a businessman and began dabbling in local politics, serving as chairman of the Zoning and Appeals Board.

In 1964, Mr. Dow won election to Congress, representing Rockland County, New York. Representative John Dow served two terms before he was defeated. He later ran again and won his seat back, serving one term before being defeated by Representative Benjamin Gilman.

Mr. Speaker I commend my colleagues for seeking to honor the memory of the late Representative John Dow by naming a postal facility after him, and I urge swift adoption of this bill.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3166, legislation to name the United States Postal Facility at 57 Old Tappan Road in Tappan, New York after former Congressman John G. Dow. The House of Representatives lost a member of its family on March 11th of this year when John Dow passed on at the age of 97. After living a storied life dedicated to serving the people of Rockland County and the State of New York, it is a privilege to honor this great man on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Born and bred in New York, John Dow earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard University and later a master's from Columbia University. In 1954 he began his career in public service holding the post of Civil Defense Director in Grandview, NY and later Chairman of the Grand View Zoning Board of Appeals. John Dow then stepped onto the national political scene, winning a seat in Congress in 1965 in the 22nd Congressional District, which encompassed Rockland County.

John Dow served just six years in Congress but his imprint on this body was far greater than his tenure. He was one of the few Members of Congress that openly questioned and opposed the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. Despite popular opinion, he spoke out against laws that would ban flag burning and fiercely defended the civil rights movements, even marching in the south to show his support for equal rights. He was an independent thinker that did not always take the popular stand but fought for what he felt was right for Rockland County, for New York, and for the United States.

John Dow upheld the great values of this country at a time when we most needed it. He was considered a voice of dissent in the Congress against the Vietnam War even though it was a President of the same party leading us into that war. John Dow's warnings and cautions would ring true in later years as the reality of the Vietnam War set in. His principled stance eventually cost him the opportunity to

continue serving in Congress but that did not deter him. As the political winds shifted, John Dow was swept out of office in 1968. He would return for another term, winning election in 1970, but would lose his seat for good two years later. However, John Dow would continue serving the people of New York and Rockland County until his death.

Mr. Speaker, I am a life-long New Yorker and I am proud of that fact. I am proud to serve the people of my district and the Rocklanders that John Dow once represented. It is a tribute to his service and his memory that every Member of the New York delegation, Democrat and Republican alike cosponsored this legislation to honor one of our own. I want to thank Chairman DAVIS and Congressman WAXMAN for expediting this legislation so that we can honor Congressman Dow and his service to this great nation.

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

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 3166. I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3166.

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.

#### S. TRUETT CATHY POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3029) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 255 North Main Street in Jonesboro, Georgia, as the "S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3029

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

#### SECTION 1. S. TRUETT CATHY POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 255 North Main Street in Jonesboro, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the S. Truett Cathy 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 S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. 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 Ohio?

There was no objection.

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3029, introduced by the distinguished gentleman from the State of Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) designates the U.S. Postal Service facility in Jonesboro, Georgia, as the "S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building." All members of the Georgia State delegation have signed on to this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation honors a wonderful American entrepreneur, S. Truett Cathy. The respected founder of the Chik-Fil-A restaurant chain, Mr. Cathy has developed one of the most successful privately-owned restaurant chains in the United States. S. Truett Cathy lived the American Dream by spending just a few thousand dollars to open a tiny diner with his brother, Ben, in the Atlanta suburb of Hapeville, Georgia, in 1946. It was almost 20 years later, in 1967, before Mr. Cathy opened his first Chik-Fil-A restaurant in an Atlanta shopping mall. Today there are over 1,000 Chik-Fil-A restaurants from coast to coast.

Many people know that Chik-Fil-A restaurants are not open on Sundays. This has been true ever since the first restaurant opened in 1967. Mr. Cathy makes no exceptions for his "closed-on-Sunday" policy, ensuring that all Chik-Fil-A employees have a chance to worship, spend time with their families and friends, and simply relax 1 day a week. On his day off, Mr. Cathy has taught Sunday school classes for nearly 50 years.

Mr. Cathy also should be recognized for his work in offering educational scholarships. He has established the Chik-Fil-A Team Member Scholarship that awards a \$1,000 scholarship to 25 Chik-Fil-A employees each year, encouraging them to pursue advanced educations. Chik-Fil-A has generously given away nearly \$18 million to its employees through this program. Mr. Cathy has also created the WinShape Centre Foundation that annually grants dozens of \$24,000 scholarships to students wishing to attend Berry College in Rome, Georgia. Chik-Fil-A has also provided \$25,000 in general scholarship funds to each of the universities who participate in the Chik-Fil-A Peach Bowl football game in late December.

Mr. Speaker, for all these reasons, I commend the gentleman from Georgia for his meaningful work on H.R. 3029 that honors S. Truett Cathy. S. Truett Cathy's success as an entrepreneur and charity as a philanthropist are truly worthy of commendation by this House.

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, I am pleased to join with the gentleman from Ohio (Mr.

TURNER) in support of H.R. 3029, legislation naming a Postal Service facility located at 255 North Main Street in Jonesboro, Georgia, after S. Truett Cathy. H.R. 3029 was introduced by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) on September 5, 2003. The bill has met the Committee on Government Reform policy and has the support and cosponsorship of the entire Georgia delegation.

S. Truett Cathy is the founder and chairman of the third largest fast-food chicken chain in the United States. The first restaurant opened in 1967 in Atlanta, Georgia. As of February, 2003, there are more than 1,000 restaurants in 36 States and Washington, D.C.

Not content to be just a successful businessman, Mr. Cathy continues to give back to his community. He provides leadership scholarships to employees, scholarships to young people to attend college, sponsors long-term care for foster children, and a summer camp program to build self-esteem. He also sponsors golf and football sporting events.

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Mr. Speaker, naming a postal facility after Mr. S. Truett Cathy continues the tradition of honoring dedicated and committed individuals who make a difference in their community and in our Nation. I am pleased to join in urging swift adoption of H.R. 3029.

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

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. 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 Georgia (Mr. SCOTT), the proud Georgian sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER) for their excellent remarks.

Mr. Speaker, as the sponsor of this legislation today, I am pleased to speak on the House floor regarding H.R. 3029. This legislation honors a Georgia entrepreneur and restaurateur and a great American, S. Truett Cathy, the founder, chairman and CEO of Chick-Fil-A, Incorporated. This legislation designates the post office in Jonesboro, Georgia, in my district, as the S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building. I appreciate the support of the entire Georgia congressional delegation, which has cosponsored this important legislation.

The Chick-Fil-A story began in 1946 when Truett and his younger brother, Ben, spent \$10,000 to open a tiny 24-hour restaurant called the Dwarf Grill in Hapeville, Georgia; and the Dwarf Grill still stands in Hapeville, Georgia. In 1967, Mr. Cathy opened his first Chick-Fil-A restaurant at Atlanta's Greenbriar Mall, which established the in-mall fast-food quick-service restaurant concept in this Nation. Today, Chick-Fil-A is the third largest quick-service chicken restaurant chain in the

entire United States based on annual sales. Currently, there are more than 1,080 restaurants in 36 States and in Washington, D.C.

Truett Cathy is a devoted religious man who built his life and his business based upon hard work, humanity, humility, and Biblical principles. Based on these principles, all of Chick-Fil-A's restaurants operate with a closed-on-Sunday policy, without exception, to allow the employees of Chick-Fil-A to attend services on Sunday. When not managing his company, Cathy donates his time to community efforts and teaches a Sunday school class to 13-year-old boys, as he has done for more than 45 straight years.

Chick-Fil-A's official statement of corporate purpose says that it exists "to glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us and to have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-Fil-A." That is why Mr. Cathy invests in scholarships, character-building programs for kids, foster homes and other community services.

Mr. Cathy has established the WinShape Centre Foundation, the Leadership Scholarship Program, and the WinShape Homes Program. The WinShape Center Foundation annually awards 20 to 30 students wishing to attend Berry College in Georgia with \$24,000 scholarships that are jointly funded by the Rome, Georgia, institution. Through its Leadership Scholarship Program, the Chick-Fil-A chain has given over \$17.5 million in \$1,000 scholarships to Chick-Fil-A restaurant employees since 1973. As part of his WinShape Homes Program, a long-term care program for foster children, 13 foster care homes have been started in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and even in Brazil. They are operated by Cathy and the WinShape Foundation.

S. Truett Cathy is a dedicated husband and family man. He is a father and grandfather. Cathy and his wife, Jeanette, have 12 grandchildren and more than 125 foster grandchildren. Due to inspiring his life story and his dedication to community service, I am pleased to honor this great Georgian and his legacy in this manner.

I especially would like to thank my colleagues from Georgia, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON), the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP), the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. MARSHALL), the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MAJETTE), the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS), the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER), the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS), the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD), the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DEAL), the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY), and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BURNS) for their support in joining me as sponsors of this legislation.

In addition, I would like to thank the members of the Committee on Government Reform and the committee staff

for including my bill in the list of suspension bills today. I would especially like to thank my good friend, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), for managing this bill on the floor, and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DEAL) for all his efforts as a member of the committee on behalf of my legislation.

I encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation and pass this bill in the House today. I look forward to working with Senator MILLER and Senator CHAMBLISS and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and the entire Senate in order to gain quick passage of this bill in the Senate.

What an outstanding story, what an outstanding life, what an outstanding man is S. Truett Cathy. We humbly honor this great servant of God by naming this post office in Jonesboro, Georgia, after him.

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BURNS).

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3029, renaming the post office in Jonesboro, Georgia, for S. Truett Cathy. I join my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT), in recognizing this man's great achievement in our State, in our community, and in our Nation. Truett Cathy is truly a leader and truly a friend, and I am very honored to call him a friend of not only Georgia, but of the Nation.

Certainly at his opening of that first small restaurant called the Dwarf Grill back in the 1940s, no one could have imagined the impact that he has had on our communities throughout the Nation. He developed a keen art of both marketing and culinary skills and developed what we all know as the Chick-Fil-A sandwich. I will tell you one of the things I enjoy most when I have the opportunity is to visit one of his restaurants. Begun in 1967, it is now the third largest chicken quick-serve establishment in the world.

The most interesting thing about Mr. Cathy is he has been true to his principles. As the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) pointed out, he chooses not to operate his business on Sunday so that his employees can worship their God and enjoy their families. He is a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

I got to know Truett Cathy through his involvement in education, not only at Berry College, but at multiple universities around the State. At the university that I had an opportunity to be on the faculty of at Georgia Southern, he was one of our strongest supporters. We have a Chick-Fil-A Room in our university where we teach marketing. His son Dan is a graduate of Georgia Southern; and he continues to be very, very active in education throughout our State and throughout our Nation.

As the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) pointed out, he has the WinShape Foundation that operates long-term care programs for foster

children. He provides scholarships to Berry College, and he provides scholarships to employees of Chick-Fil-A, over \$17 million worth of development and education scholarships. He believes in the youth of America. He believes that our future is in those individuals that will shape and mold and become the future leaders that we so desperately need.

I am indeed privileged to join the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) and to join the rest of the Georgia delegation as we provide a tribute to the life and the accomplishments of S. Truett Cathy. I urge my colleagues in this body to join us as we vote today on H.R. 3029.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Mr. Cathy is indeed a remarkable man. I congratulate the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) and the Georgia delegation. I urge swift passage of this legislation.

Ms. MAJETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor S. Truett Cathy. Guided by his ability, dedication, and faith, Mr. Cathy took a small restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia, and built Chik-Fil-A, Inc., the third largest fast food chicken restaurant in America, with more than 1,080 restaurants nationwide.

This is in itself a great enterprise. Yet Mr. Cathy, through his success in business and exemplary community service, has come to serve as a paradigm of excellence. In 1984, Mr. Cathy founded the WinShape Center Foundation, designed to "shape winners" by helping young people succeed in life through scholarships and other youth-support programs.

Like Mr. Cathy, the foundation he began is the epitome of responsible citizenry. The foundation annually joins Berry College in Rome, Georgia to award 20 to 30 students with \$24,000 scholarships. In addition, through its Leadership Scholarship Program, the Chick-Fil-A chain has awarded more than \$17.5 million in \$1,000 scholarships to Chick-Fil-A restaurant employees since 1973. Chik-Fil-A's partnerships with the LPGA and college football's Peach Bowl have resulted in more than \$1.25 million for WinShape homes and other charities in 2002 alone.

Mr. Cathy's philanthropic endeavors extend to children as well. As part of his WinShape Homes program—a long-term care program for foster children—Mr. Cathy launched and operates 13 foster care homes in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Brazil. These homes, accommodating up to 12 children with two full-time foster parents, provide long-term care for foster children with a positive family environment. In addition, more than 1,600 young campers from throughout the country attend annual sessions at Camp WinShape. An initiative of the WinShape Center Foundation, this camp offers a series of two-week summer programs to help boys and girls build self-esteem through physical and spiritual activities.

Mr. Cathy is a devoutly religious man who built his life and business on hard work, humanity and biblical principles. Based on his strong faith and sense of purpose, all of Chik-Fil-A's restaurants operate with a "closed-on-

Sunday" policy, allowing employees to practice their faith and spend time with their families. Mr. Cathy spends his day off teaching a Sunday school class to 13-year-old boys, as he has done for more than 45 years.

S. Truett Cathy represents the best that Georgia and this country has to offer. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of H.R. 3029, designating the post office of Jonesboro, Georgia as the "S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building."

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

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers. I urge passage of H.R. 3029, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3029.

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.

#### MAJOR HENRY A. COMMISKEY, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2438) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as the "Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2438

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

#### SECTION 1. MAJOR HENRY A. COMMISKEY, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, shall be known and designated as the "Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. 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 Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. 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. 2438.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased that the House is considering H.R. 2438. This post office designation bill, introduced by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR), honors the service of Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr.

Major Commiskey earned the Medal of Honor and a Purple Heart for his service to our Nation in the U.S. Marine Corps. Born on January 10, 1927, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, he enlisted in the Marines at age 17. He ultimately served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Major Commiskey earned the Purple Heart for his valor during the invasion of Iwo Jima in 1945.

After World War II ended, he returned safely home and continued to serve in the Marine Corps. He advanced to the rank of staff sergeant and became a drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina. When war broke out in Korea, he was shipped overseas again. For his tremendous efforts during the conflict in Korea, he earned the Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, we owe so much to members of our Armed Forces who have fought for democracy and freedom throughout our Nation's history. Major Commiskey deserves all our thanks and praise, and this legislation is a way for the Members of this House to honor his brave legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for H.R. 2438 that names a post office after the late Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr.

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, I rise in support of H.R. 2438, legislation naming a postal facility located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, after Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. H.R. 2438, introduced by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) on June 11, 2003, was unanimously approved by our committee on July 10, 2003. The measure has met the Committee on Government Reform policy and has the support and cosponsorship of the entire Mississippi State congressional delegation.

Mr. Speaker, Henry A. Commiskey was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in 1927. He enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 17 during World War II and participated in the 1945 invasion of Iwo Jima, where he earned the Purple Heart. He remained in the corps after the war, rose to the rank of staff sergeant to become a drill instructor at Parris Island, and then graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1949.

Henry volunteered for combat service at the outbreak of the Korean War and was presented the distinguished Medal of Honor by President Truman in 1951 for leading a charge up Hill 85 in North Korea and killing seven enemy soldiers in hand-to-hand combat on September 20, 1950.

Henry A. Commiskey obtained the rank of major before retiring from the corps.