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**DOROTHY AND CONNIE HIBBS
POST OFFICE BUILDING**

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1323) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska, as the "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1323

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

SECTION 1. CONNIE HIBBS OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, in Girdwood, Alaska, shall be known and designated as the "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs 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 "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

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 and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ADERHOLT). 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.

Mr. Speaker, Dorothy and Connie Hibbs were a mother and daughter pair who each served as postmaster for over 20 years of their lives. Between the two, there was only a 3-year span between 1954 and 2005 when one of them was not working in this capacity.

The town of Girdwood, Alaska, would like to thank Dorothy and Connie for such a unique contribution to their community by naming the Lindbald Avenue Post Office after them. The Senate has addressed this bill. We support this bill. And I hope all Members will join us today in doing so.

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

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

I want to join the chairman of the Government Reform Committee in recommending that our colleagues support this legislation to name this post

office in honor of Dorothy and Connie Hibbs for their service.

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. 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 Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1323.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL MYOSITIS AWARENESS DAY

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 974) supporting the goals and ideals of National Myositis Awareness Day.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 974

Whereas an estimated 30,000 to 50,000 people are affected by myositis in the United States, many of whom remain undiagnosed or misdiagnosed;

Whereas myositis is a general term used to describe swelling of the muscles, but the effects of the inflammatory myopathies (often referred to as "myositis") are much more severe than just inflammation;

Whereas myositis patients suffer from their immune systems attacking their body's own normal, healthy tissue, resulting in inflammation or swelling;

Whereas inflammatory myopathies are thought to be autoimmune diseases, such that the body's immune system, which normally fights infections and viruses, does not stop fighting once the infection or virus is gone;

Whereas myositis can cause muscle weakness, and patients often live in chronic pain and have long-term health problems that lead to permanent disability;

Whereas myositis is difficult to diagnose and treatment is often delayed, resulting in unnecessary suffering;

Whereas many patients with treatable forms of myositis often have severe long-term disabilities because of failure to diagnose and/or treat the disease correctly;

Whereas some myositis patients will die at a much earlier age than they would have if they had received the proper care, particularly for the children who have permanent scarring and deformities due to failure to treat properly;

Whereas The Myositis Association, the national patient advocacy organization serving the myositis patient community, focuses its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for myositis;

Whereas a National Myositis Awareness Day would educate communities across the Nation about myositis and the need for research funding, accurate diagnosis, and effective treatments; and

Whereas it would be appropriate to observe September 21, 2006, as National Myositis Awareness Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of a National Myositis Awareness Day.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

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 and include extraneous material on the resolution 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.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 974, introduced by the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL), would support the goals and ideals of National Myositis Awareness Day.

Myositis is a general term used to describe swelling of the muscles. It is listed as a rare disease by the National Institutes of Health's Office of Rare Diseases. Many people, however, are affected by the condition each year. It is estimated there are between 30,000 and 50,000 cases in the United States alone.

This resolution will help to raise awareness to medical professionals, elected officials, policymakers, and communities about myositis.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to adopt this.

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

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

I want to congratulate our colleague, Mr. ISRAEL, from New York for introducing this important resolution and drawing attention to this very, very important issue.

With that, I yield him such time as he may consume.

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Maryland, and I thank Chairman DAVIS for his cooperation on this very important bill. I also want to thank Ranking Member WAXMAN for considering this resolution, and also Representative FOXX for her leadership.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution supports the goals and ideals of a National Myositis Awareness Day. I was first introduced to the myositis community through my work to improve Medicare access to intravenous immune globulin, or IVIG. The myositis community is one of many patient groups that rely on IVIG. However, since there are several forms of myositis that affect different people in different ways, the disease is often misunderstood and cannot be treated with a single remedy. This is one of many reasons that it is important that we pass this resolution.

As the chairman said, each year an estimated 30,000 to 50,000 Americans