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Schultz	Westmoreland	Woolsey
Watson	Whitfield	Wu
Watt	Wilson (OH)	Yarmuth
Waxman	Wilson (SC)	Young (AK)
Weiner	Wittman	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—33

Abercrombie	DeLauro	Miller, Gary
Arcuri	Fallin	Moran (VA)
Barrett (SC)	Hall (TX)	Murtha
Berman	Heinrich	Neal (MA)
Boucher	Hoekstra	Paul
Broun (GA)	Johnson (GA)	Pence
Campbell	Johnson (IL)	Reichert
Capuano	Johnson, Sam	Smith (WA)
Chu	Kagen	Towns
Davis (AL)	Kind	Waters
Delahunt	Lipinski	Wexler

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 934, recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 3288, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees on H.R. 3288:

Messrs. OLVER, PASTOR of Arizona, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BERRY, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mrs. LOWEY, Messrs. OBEY, LATHAM, WOLF, TIAHRT, WAMP, and LEWIS of California.

There was no objection.

ROY RONDENO, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3951) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3951

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

SECTION 1. ROY RONDENO, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the "Roy Rondeno, 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 re-

ferred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CAO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add any extraneous materials.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction over the United States Postal Service, I am pleased to present H.R. 3951 for consideration. This legislation will designate the United States Postal Service facility located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building."

Introduced by my colleague, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO of Louisiana on October 28, 2009, and reported out of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee on November 18, 2009 by unanimous consent, H.R. 3951 enjoys the support of the entire Louisiana House delegation.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Roy Rondeno, Sr. served his beloved community as a dedicated employee of the United States Postal Service for over 30 years. Notably, Mr. Rondeno worked at the United States Postal Service facility at Uptown Station located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, the very facility that we seek to designate in his honor.

The true embodiment of the old adage that "neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet" will keep a postman from completing his rounds, Mr. Rondeno was roundly known as a dedicated and beloved letter carrier who would never fail to deliver even the smallest package in the pouring rain.

As noted by the New Orleans Times-Picayune newspaper, many residents along Mr. Rondeno's route had formed a close relationship with this letter carrier and described him as a charismatic man who always had a kind word for everyone. According to friend and Uptown resident Susan Hereford, Mr. Rondeno did not only deliver the mail every day but rather also delivered "a little piece of himself" and connected with everyone on his route. Dr. Brian Ghery, another Uptown resident, further describes Mr. Rondeno as "an exceptional human being, a great letter carrier, and a real credit to his profession."

The extent of Mr. Rondeno's commitment to his job and his Uptown residents that he was proud to serve was

never more evident than on September 26 of this year. Mr. Rondeno volunteered to work on his day off given that the Uptown Station lacked enough letter carriers to cover the day's route. As Mr. Rondeno was sorting mail on the back of his truck, he was struck by a car and tragically lost both of his legs as a result of the accident.

The outpouring of support for Mr. Rondeno and his family that followed his hospitalization stands as a true testament to Mr. Rondeno's standing in Uptown New Orleans as a model public servant and community member. Notably, local merchants and community leaders promptly established a donation fund to assist Mr. Rondeno in his recovery, and signs of support for the letter carrier could be seen hanging in a variety of local storefronts along his route.

Regrettably, on October 2, only 6 days after this accident, Mr. Rondeno died from heart failure during surgery. Mr. Rondeno was only 57 years old at the time of his death, and he had planned on retiring from the postal service early next year so as to focus his attention on serving his New Orleans community in a different capacity, through an outreach ministry that he had recently founded with his beloved wife, Shirley.

As noted by Acting Louisiana District Manager Peter Sgro upon Mr. Rondeno's passing, "Roy was a dedicated postal employee who wore his uniform proudly. Everybody who knew him agreed he had a tremendous work ethic and always worked to provide the best service to his customers and the postal service."

Mr. Speaker, while Mr. Rondeno is no longer with us, his memory will undoubtedly live on through his wife, Shirley; his three sons, Roy, Richard, and Ryan; and all those who were fortunate enough to know this dedicated and hardworking public servant.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that we can pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mr. Roy Rondeno, Sr. through the passage of this legislation to designate the Uptown postal facility in his honor. I urge all of my colleagues to join us and Mr. CAO, the chief sponsor of this measure, in supporting H.R. 3951.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3951 to designate the Uptown post office building located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, in honor of Roy Rondeno, Sr., a 34-year USPS letter carrier and military veteran, who was the epitome of a loyal and beloved public servant and community member.

In late September 2009, while working on his day off because the postal service was short-staffed, Mr. Rondeno was sorting through mail in the back of his truck when he was hit by a car. The vehicle blew through a stop sign