

I would also like to thank Chairman HASTINGS and Subcommittee Chairman FLEMING for their support and look forward to working with them to ensure this legislation is signed into law to remember a man who devoted his life and career to the ideals formed during his early days at the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, again I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 588, which is a bill that would rename the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I too urge my colleagues to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 588.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JOHN J. COOK POST OFFICE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2079) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2079

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

SECTION 1. JOHN J. COOK POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, shall be known and designated as the "John J. Cook Post Office".

(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 "John J. Cook Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. I would like to ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

H.R. 2079, introduced by the gentlelady from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the John J. Cook Post Office. This bill was introduced in June of this year and was favorably reported out of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on November 3.

John J. Cook served the community of East Rockaway, New York, for more than six decades, working as a letter carrier at the facility to be named after him. Serving his community for 60 years and 4 months, Mr. Cook went above and beyond to serve his neighbors and exemplified professionalism and courtesy each and every day on the job. Mr. Cook delivered mail on the same route for nearly all of his 60 years on the job; and according to many in his community, he continually touched the lives of countless people spanning generations.

According to one East Rockaway resident, he was "the best." He knew all of his customers very well and gave personalized service throughout his career. The resident went on to say that "they don't make people like him anymore."

Sadly, Mr. Cook passed away in 2005 at the age of 78. He left behind his wife, Roberta, and many who will miss this true public servant and model postal employee.

I urge all Members to join me in naming the postal facility in East Rockaway, New York, after John J. Cook; and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

As the ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I'm pleased to join my colleagues in supporting H.R. 2079, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the John J. Cook Post Office.

The measure before us was introduced by Representative CAROLYN MCCARTHY on June 1, 2011. In accordance with committee requirements, H.R. 2079 is cosponsored by all members of the New York delegation. It was reported out of the Oversight Committee by unanimous consent on November 3, 2011.

H.R. 2079 honors John J. Cook, a man who worked for more than 60 years with our Nation's postal service. Mr. Cook began working for what was then the United States Postal Department on January 8, 1944, after returning from service in World War II. From 1948 until his retirement in 2004, he walked the same route 6 days a week, with neither snow nor sleet nor rain preventing him from completing his appointed duties.

Mr. Cook was a fixture of the East Rockaway community, known and be-

loved by all. Even now, 7 years after his retirement, East Rockaway residents fondly recall Mr. Cook's kindness and empathy as a public servant. By all accounts, he went above and beyond the call of duty to serve his neighbors. His professionalism, courtesy, and dedication to the job made him a model letter carrier.

After 60 years and 4 months of faithful service to the United States Postal Service, Mr. Cook passed away in 2005 at the age of 78. Mr. Cook's career is a stunning example of what our dedicated postal workers contribute to our communities. Even as the postal service faces severe financial and operational strains, we must never forget that the service's success depends on the dedication of employees like John Cook.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we pass H.R. 2079 in recognition of Mr. John J. Cook's commitment to his work at the postal service, his compassion for his community, and his service to a grateful Nation. I also ask that we keep the example of his career in mind as we work together to craft what should be a bipartisan piece of legislation, to ensure that the institution Mr. Cook loved so much can continue to serve our Nation.

With that, I urge the passage of H.R. 2079, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, at this point I would like to withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion is withdrawn.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALEJANDRO R. RUIZ POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3004) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3004

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

SECTION 1. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALEJANDRO R. RUIZ POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, shall be known and designated as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz 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 "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.