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Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. CLAY].

(Mr. CLAY asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, first of all I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Coyle was a postal worker who rose from clerk to secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He served in many and various positions in the union. He was president of Branch 343, correspondent to the Postal Record, and member of the branch negotiating team. In addition to that, he was president of that local.

In 1994 he was elected secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Mr. Speaker, although Charlie served in office during a very turbulent time of change for the Postal Service, he demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to improving conditions of letter carriers. He established training programs and initiated a newsletter to keep the membership better informed about the issues and the events. He also maintained a long-term association with the University of Missouri in an advisory capacity in the field of labor studies.

Charlie Coyle left a legacy of accomplishments which greatly benefited letter carriers and the entire Postal Service. Mr. Speaker, his memory deserves to be honored. I would like to thank the other members of the Missouri delegation for cosponsoring this piece of legislation.

Thus, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill to designate the post office at 1203 Lemay Ferry Road in St. Louis as the Charles J. Coyle Post Office Building.

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. 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 New York [Mr. MCHUGH] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1398.

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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. 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. 1398, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

EDWARD MADIGAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1880, to designate the United States Post Office located at 102 South McLean, Lincoln, Illinois, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1880

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office building located at 102 South McLean, Lincoln, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] will be recognized for 20 minutes, and the gentleman from Michigan [Miss COLLINS] will be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH].

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

Mr. Speaker, the measure before us was voted on favorably by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1880 was introduced by Representative RAY LAHOOD of Illinois and it is cosponsored by the entire House Delegation of the State of Illinois per the requirement of the committee rules.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1880 honors the late Edward Madigan. Mr. Madigan was a respected member of this body and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives 10 times by his Illinois constituents. While serving in the House, Mr. Madigan became the ranking Republican member on the Agriculture Committee in the 98th Congress. In 1991, President Bush nominated Mr. Madigan to be the 24th Secretary of Agriculture; he was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 99 to 0. Mr. Madigan was a native of Lincoln, IL, and a graduate of Lincoln College.

I urge all our colleagues to support H.R. 1880.

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

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1880, legislation sponsored by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LAHOOD] designating the U.S. Post Office building located at 102 South McLean in Lincoln, IL, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building."

Former Congressman Edward Madigan had a very distinguished career in

Congress, and he was well known for his ability to influence people and secure results. Congressional Quarterly's Politics in America described him best by saying, "Madigan does not often have to resort to obstructionist tactics because usually he has a well-placed seat at the bargaining table."

Being a smart, savvy and skillful legislator certainly paid off for Congressman Madigan. I am pleased to support the naming of a post office in his hometown after such a man.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentleman from Illinois [Mrs. COLLINS], the ranking member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

(Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1880, legislation sponsored by Congressman LAHOOD, designating the U.S. Post Office building located at 102 South McLean, in Lincoln, IL, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building." As a cosponsor of this measure, I am pleased we have chosen to honor a postal facility after former Congressman Madigan in his hometown of Lincoln, IL.

Ed Madigan was a fighter. He was also a skillful and successful negotiator, using his influence and leadership to move legislation through committee and on the floor. His sphere of influence included the House Agriculture Committee and the former House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and the Environment where he served as the ranking minority member. I was pleased to have served with him on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Congressman Madigan was relentless in his pursuit of workable and sensible compromise legislation. I am sorry he is not around in the 104th Congress. Many of my colleagues could have taken pointers on his style and method of conducting legislative business.

Former Congressman Ed Madigan was a man of integrity and a person comfortable with having an open mind and speaking and acting his conscience. I fear those characteristics are becoming a lost art in this Congress. So, as we consider this measure, I urge my colleagues to remember Ed Madigan. We could all benefit from such a refreshing change in the manner in which we treat each other and pass legislation.

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Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DE LA GARZA], ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation and commend the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LAHOOD] and those that have joined him in introducing it.

I had the great privilege to know Ed Madigan as a friend, as a fellow colleague, and then we had the responsibility of the Committee on Agriculture, I as chairman and he as ranking member. We worked together as a team. We left the imprints from the Committee on Agriculture on the future of thousands, not only in the United States but throughout the world. Ed Madigan was certainly a person that I enjoyed working with. We had many opportunities to have legislation on the floor.

Finally, I would like to say on a lighter note that we went to Spain, I to look for my Spanish roots, and then we went to Ireland, he to look for his Irish roots. When we went to Spain, to northern Spain to Galicia, I went there to find out that they say they are Celtic, that they are not Spanish. So I came back a Celt. We went to Ireland looking for Mr. Madigan's roots and found out that there was no Madigan name in the Irish genealogy chart, that it had been formerly a Spanish name, Madegano. So, Madigan came back a Spaniard, and I came back a Celt, but we continued our relationship on the committee.

I think it is very appropriate that a Federal building will bear his name for all to see and hopefully to remember the major contribution that he made to this country, to his district, and to the world.

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

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LAHOOD], the prime sponsor of this legislation.

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much for allowing me this time.

It is a very proud moment in my very short legislative career here to say that the first bill that I have introduced and will be passed is a bill in honor of a dear friend of so many Members on both sides of the aisle, former Congressman Ed Madigan. The Madigan family resides in my congressional district in Lincoln, IL. I am proud to call a number of members of his family my constituents. I know that the people of Lincoln, IL are going to be very proud to see his name emblazoned above the post office in Lincoln, IL, because he is Lincoln. He represented Lincoln, IL so well.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support today of H.R. 1880, the Edward Madigan Post Office Designation Act of 1995.

It is, indeed, a privilege to be on the floor speaking on behalf of this measure commemorating Edward Madigan, a Congressman, a Cabinet Secretary, and above all, a respected citizen of the State of Illinois.

This bill honors not only a great legislator—one that made significant contributions to this institution and this

country—but, this bill, also honors the citizens of Edward Madigan's hometown, Lincoln, IL.

Mr. Madigan's career in public service is impressive: He served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 18 years. And, during those 18 years, he rose to the rank of chief deputy whip and ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture.

His expertise in agricultural issues was duly recognized in January 1991 when he was appointed by President Bush to the post of Secretary of Agriculture.

Throughout his career, Mr. Madigan conducted himself with integrity and with decency, and I urge all Members to support H.R. 1880 so that we may rightfully honor Edward Madigan, his family, and his hometown.

This bill is but a small tribute to one of Illinois' finest public servants. The legacy of leadership and service that Edward Madigan left to Illinois, and to this Nation, will not be soon forgotten.

And, if one takes a look at Mr. Madigan's career, it is easy to see why; his achievements were eminently impressive.

Mr. Madigan's public service career spanned nearly 30 years, with service to both the State of Illinois and the U.S. Government.

He began in 1966 as a member of the Illinois State House of Representatives, where he served with distinction for 6 years.

Carrying forward his experience and knowledge that he gained in the State House, Mr. Madigan moved on to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1973, where he served for 18 years.

During his tenure in Congress, Mr. Madigan ascended to various leadership positions, including ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture and chief deputy whip.

Mr. Madigan's accomplishments as a member of Congress were also impressive.

In 1985 and 1990, as the ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture, he was instrumental in shepherding two farm bills through the House of Representatives.

He also led the effort to protect farm income and expand export markets.

In 1990, as part of the Clean Air Act amendments, Mr. Madigan, as a senior member of the energy and Commerce Committee, put forth legislation that would encourage the use of alternative fuels, such as ethanol.

Other accomplishments of Mr. Madigan include legislation that helped deregulate the railroad freight industry, as well as legislation that helped bring stability to the Rural Electrification Administration revolving fund.

He also worked hard to improve health care in rural areas and was instrumental in creating a nursing research center at the National Institutes of Health.

These, and many other legislative initiatives, owe their success, in no small part, to Mr. Madigan's relentless determination and exceptional leadership.

Just as Mr. Madigan's experiences in the Illinois State House served him well in the House of Representatives, his experiences gained in Congress proved to be a tremendous asset when he was appointed in January 1991 to be the Secretary of Agriculture under former President George Bush.

Confirmed by the Senate on March 8, 1991, by a vote of 99 to 0, Mr. Madigan served with great regard as a member of the Cabinet.

During Mr. Madigan's tenure as Secretary of Agriculture, he led the agricultural negotiations during the discussions on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and he was responsible for overseeing agricultural aid to the Republics of the former Soviet Union.

And, as with his service in Congress, Mr. Madigan always placed the needs of the public first.

Perhaps, the former House minority leader Bob Michel, best summed up Mr. Madigan's legacy when he remarked at Mr. Madigan's funeral that "Ed Madigan's life is the answer to give to those who doubt that a genuine sense of public service still lives in this country."

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for H.R. 1880.

Passage of this bill will bring great honor to the Madigan family and the citizens of Lincoln, IL, and will help preserve the legacy of Edward Madigan's distinguished public service.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LAHOOD. I yield to the gentleman from Kansas, distinguished chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, a friend of Ed Madigan's.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, I associate myself with the gentleman's timely remarks and his tribute and for his leadership in naming Ed's hometown post office in his name.

He was a good friend, a colleague and a mentor for many of us. Like Mr. DE LA GARZA, the distinguished gentleman from Texas, the chairman emeritus of the committee, has indicated, we have worked together long and hard on many matters in regard to farmers and ranchers and agriculture in general.

I would think the gentleman from Illinois is certainly following his example on the House Committee on Agriculture in terms of his demeanor and in working hard for agriculture and his farmers and ranchers. I would only add that Ed Madigan is now certainly sorely missed by his friends and colleagues. We certainly need him in the midst of the agriculture debate that we are having in regard to the reconciliation bill.

One thought is that I would not be surprised if the good citizens of his hometown of Lincoln, IL, will now be assured of the best postal service of any in the country. Ed would not have it any other way.

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. EWING].

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I had the distinct privilege of following Ed Madigan to this body after he became Secretary of Agriculture. Ed Madigan and I were born in the same county, in the same year, grew up in the same time. Our families were friends throughout our lives.

I did not know Ed as well as a young man as I got to know him later. Our political careers paralleled themselves, and it was in the general assembly, and he came to Congress. But I have represented that county when I first came here before reapportionment. I had most of the old Ed Madigan district.

He was, indeed, revered by the people he served. He did an excellent job in his work here in the Congress and in representing the people from our district. He was, of course, a marvel on the stump because he could tell such great Irish jokes, even if he was not Irish. If he was Spanish, he told great Irish jokes. He had a number of jokes about my father, who was a horse trader, who had supposedly taken his father on a bad horse deal. But we had so many memorable occasions.

He was indeed a great Congressman, a great leader. His wife Evelyn is back in Lincoln. He has a daughter who lives in my district. They are great people. His brother is a State senator, and I know that they will be indeed proud for the tribute today to Ed Madigan and to have this post office as a living and continuing memorial.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1880, which officially renames the U.S. Post Office building located at 102 South McLean in Lincoln, IL, in honor of Edward Madigan.

Ed Madigan served the citizens of central Illinois with great distinction during his tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, and later as President Bush's Secretary of Agriculture. Although Ed is sadly no longer with us, his service, dedication, honor, charisma, and love of family continue to inspire each of us and should serve as a role model for all to follow.

As the Member of Congress who followed Ed Madigan into office, I want to take just a moment to share some of Ed Madigan's life with the House. Ed was born on January 13, 1936, and he remained a life-long resident of Lincoln, IL. He was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1966, where he served for 6 years until he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1972. Ed continued to serve the citizens of central Illinois in the House until he accepted President Bush's invitation to serve as our Nation's 24th Secretary of Agriculture.

In such a short time it is difficult to appropriately commemorate Ed Madigan's distinguished public service and personal richness, but I think H.R. 1880 embodies a fitting tribute to our dear former colleague. Although current residents of Lincoln need no reminder of who Ed Madigan was, Ed Madigan deserves to be properly memorialized in the town and amongst the people he loved and served so proudly.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 1880.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT], esteemed deputy majority whip.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I can remember coming to the Congress, and Ed Madigan would sit over there on the side. If you needed some wisdom or if he thought you needed a little wisdom, he would have you come over and sit down. We would have a little talk, and I learned a lot from Ed Madigan. He certainly was sage. He was wise.

I think he was a politician in the finest sense of the word politician. He knew how to make a deal. He knew how to bring people into the picture. He knew how to compromise. He knew how to put things together.

I tell the story, I guess it links up with something the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. EWING] was talking about. We talked about his heritage a lot, growing up in Lincoln, IL. I guess his father, too, was a horse trader, and they had a livery business. That meant you rented out horses. That livery business grew into a taxicab business. Ed's first job was to run the taxicab in Lincoln, IL.

Out of that he had a fondness of cars. He especially had a fondness for Packard automobiles. I do not know how many taxicabs were Packards back then. Anyway, he collected Packard automobiles. But the stories that he told about the livery business and horse trading, I guess if you ever got into a deal with Ed Madigan, you knew that he was a pretty good horse trader.

He knew how to make a deal, and he knew the value of what he was putting together. He certainly was a valued Member of this Congress in both the Committee on Energy and Commerce, which I had the privilege of serving with him, and also in the Ag Committee. He, as I said, was a Member who was a Member's Member. He could put things together. He understands people.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HASTERT. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

I want to join my colleagues in this tribute and thank the gentleman for naming this Federal post office facility for our former colleague, Ed Madigan. I think the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT] has touched upon what many of us felt about Congressman Madigan, and that was his wisdom. And he was wise. He would offer some advice sometimes when he thought maybe you had gone a little too far one way or another.

I happened to share an area in the House gymnasium, and, even when he was Secretary of Agriculture, he would come in late at night. We would talk about what it was like to be Secretary of Agriculture and about the House. He was a Member's Member.

He had a great sense of individuals, of personalities, of the needs of people. Maybe sometimes when this place got a little off track, Ed Madigan was one of the people that would try to bring us back and to be a little bit more civil and understanding of one another.

I just wanted to associate myself with the gentleman's remarks and thank him.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I guess in closing we will remember Ed as a gentle man, a man of great humility, a man who had a great sense about this House and the history of this House, and certainly aptly coming from a town named after Abraham Lincoln.

I served with Ed's brother who served in the Illinois House and now in the Illinois Senate. I certainly stand with a

great deal of pride with that family knowing this post office in Lincoln, IL, will be named after Ed and wish them very, very well.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this legislation and in tribute to a good friend and a great leader, Ed Madigan.

Ed left his mark on this institution and this Nation through his thoughtful leadership and quiet effectiveness. Both as a Member of the House and as our Secretary of Agriculture under President Bush, Ed's expertise and common sense helped guide America toward a sound farm policy. Ed Madigan provided me with a great deal of guidance on Agriculture issues and helped me to learn and understand the needs of the farmers and how to approach these issues.

But beyond his wise judgment, I will always cherish Ed's great strength of character and his personal warmth. He was not only a leader who informed our debates, but a friend whose great courage in facing cancer inspired all of us. He was not only a representative who knew how to get the job done, but someone who knew how to keep things in perspective.

Ed was a consummate legislator and—both in his role as ranking member of the full House Agriculture Committee, and of Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee—he understood how to obtain bipartisan agreement on contentious matters, a skill that is unfortunately too often in short supply in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman for bringing this legislation to the floor today, it is a fitting tribute to a great American and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1880.

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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1880, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

HOLK POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2262) to designate the United States Post Office building located at 218 North Alston Street in Foley, AL, as the "Holk Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2262

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