

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 for 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 Agriculture 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,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office building located at 218 North Alston Street in Foley, Alabama, shall be known and designated as the "Holk 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 "Holk Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentlewoman from Michigan [Miss COLLINS] will each 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 legislation before us has been approved by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 2262 was introduced by the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CALLAHAN] and joined by the entire House Delegation of the State of Alabama as required by the rules of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

This legislation honors Arthur A. Holk and his father, George Holk. Arthur Holk was elected as mayor of the city of Foley in 1979 and is presently serving his fifth term. George Holk also served as mayor of the city of Foley from 1924 to 1928. Both father and son have participated actively in various city organizations and on the city and county school boards.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 2262.

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

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CALLAHAN], the prime sponsor of this bill.

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

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] for yielding this time to me, and I appreciate the committee bringing this measure before the House today naming this post office in my district after two mayors, a mayor current, Arthur Holk, the mayor of Foley, AL, as well as his father, George, and it is a distinct honor for me to have introduced this legislation, and I introduce the following statement for the RECORD and urge favorable passage of this resolution:

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to lend my strong support for H.R. 2262, a bill to designate the U.S. post office building in Foley, AL, as the "Holk Post Office Building."

I first want to thank the full Government and Oversight Committee chairman, Mr. CLINGER, and the Postal Service Subcommittee chair-

man, Mr. MCHUGH, for their diligence in bringing this bill to the floor in such a timely manner. The professionalism of you and your staff is most appreciated.

I introduced this bill to honor my good friend, Mayor Arthur A. Holk and his father, George. These two men have been inspirational in contributing to the city of Foley, AL, over the past two generations.

George Holk served as mayor of the city of Foley from 1924–1928. He was a past member of the Baldwin County Board of Education and the Foley American Legion Club.

His legacy continues to live in his son, Arthur. Arthur Holk's list of accomplishments are most impressive. He is currently serving on the board of directors of several companies in south Alabama and has previously served on the Foley school board. He was a charter member and past president of the Foley Rotary, and is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow.

Mayor Holk has also been active in many charitable organizations. Among other things he served as past chairman of the Baldwin County Heart Fund and the Baldwin County Crippled Children's Society.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of a better way to honor these two men than to name the post office in Foley after them. The people of Foley support this bill 100 percent and I am confident they will be proud to have their post office bear the Holk name.

I thank you for your time and hope you will support a bill very important to the people of Foley, AL.

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. 2262.

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. 2262, the bill just considered.

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

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

CHARLES A. HAYES POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2704) to provide that the U.S. post

office building that is to be located on the 2600 block of East 75th Street in Chicago, IL, shall be known and designated as the "Charles A. Hayes Post Office Building" as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2704

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 that is to be located at 7436 South Exchange Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Charles A. Hayes 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 "Charles A. Hayes 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 gentlewoman 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 Committee on Government Reform and Oversight voted favorably on the measure before us. Congresswoman COLLINS of Illinois, ranking minority member of the committee, introduced H.R. 2704 and was joined by the State delegation in co-sponsoring this bill, as required by committee policy. The bill was amended in committee to accurately identify the address of the facility to be renamed.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation honors former Representative Charles Hayes. He was a labor organizer and served as a Member of this body. Charlie Hayes was first elected to Congress in 1983, in a special election succeeding former Representative Harold Washington, who had resigned his seat after being sworn in as mayor of Chicago. Prior to his departure from Congress, Representative Hayes served as chairman of the former Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, Subcommittee on Postal Personnel and Modernization.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 2704 as amended, a bill which would name a post office in Chicago after one of our colleagues who served his constituents in the First District of Illinois.

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. 2704, legislation sponsored by two members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation, Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS and Congressman DENNIS HASTERT. H.R. 2704, as amended in Committee, would designate the post office to be located at 7436 South Exchange Avenue in Chicago, Illinois as