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Mr. Speaker, I can think of no better way to pay tribute to this feisty loving person, Rose Caracappa, than to designate this post office building in her loving memory. On behalf of the Caracappa family and all the people of Suffolk County, I thank the committee, and I thank this House for taking up this important legislation.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman from New York [Mr. FORBES] has said everything that needs to be said about the person to whom we are dedicating this post office.

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

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3139, a bill I introduced to designate the post office in Centereach, Long Island, NY, the "Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building."

Rose Caracappa was one of New York's most celebrated legislators. Rose, a feisty, outspoken legislator died suddenly from a heart attack in 1995. It was a great loss for the people of Long Island because Rose was one of New York's pioneer legislators. In honors usually reserved for uniformed personnel, Rose's funeral procession was led by 13 police motorcyclists and followed by a half-dozen fire and emergency vehicles with one clanging a bell, the symbol of a fallen firefighter.

Before being elected to serve in the Suffolk County Legislature, Rose volunteered her services to the local PTA, her church, the Girl and Cub Scouts, and the Salvation Army. In 1981, after having worked as a legislative aide in the Suffolk County Legislature, Rose decided to run for county legislator of the fourth district and won. She served as the lone conservative in the Suffolk County Legislature for nearly 15 years.

As a Suffolk County legislator, Rose was responsible for providing Suffolk County police with body armor and for sponsoring the open-space acquisition of Camp Barstow, a former Girl Scout camp on Long Island. During her tenure as a Suffolk County legislator, she served as chairwoman of the public works, veterans, and seniors committees.

Rose is best known for being a tireless champion for the police, firefighters, senior citizens, and veterans of all of New York. While chairing the Veterans Affairs Committee, Rose was proud to have sponsored legislation for the Armed Forces Plaza in Hauppauge. At the time of her death, Rose was working to build a World War II monument in honor of all those that served. Rose was the key legislator who orchestrated the building of a Korean war veterans monument and a women veterans monument, the first in Suffolk County, which have been erected at the Hauppauge site.

What made Rose so special was not only her leadership in the Suffolk County Legislature, but her genuine concern for the people she served.

Everything that she really cared about had to do with people, not buildings, budgets, or politics. She truly was one of the people. Because the people thought of Rose as one of them, constituents would regularly go to Rose's office with their problems and concerns. Rose would think nothing of digging into her purse to give a constituent money for a bill.

I can think of no better way to pay tribute to one of New York's most lively legislators than to honor her by redesignating the post office in Centereach in her name. Her record of public service deserves this worthy acknowledgment.

#### ROSE CARACAPPA

Rose was born on October 14, 1938, in Huntington, Long Island. She was appropriately born during an historical month and year, two weeks after the hurricane of 1938, and two weeks before the Orson Wells radio show broadcasting the infamous alien invasion. In 1940, at the age of two, Rose and her family moved to Brooklyn, where she was raised and educated.

In 1964, Rose moved to the hamlet of Selden and still resides in the same home after twenty-seven years, where she raised her three children, Deborah, Nicholas and Joseph. Rose's daughter Deborah now resides in Brunswick, Ohio, with her husband, James.

As a concerned parent and taxpayer, Rose volunteered her services to the local PTA, church and civic organizations, Girl and Cub Scouts, the Salvation Army, the Cancer Fund and the Jerry Lewis MS Fundraising Committee.

Before becoming an elected official in 1982, Rose worked in banking, real estate and as a Legislative Aide in the Suffolk County Legislature under various Presiding Officers. Having a full background in County government, Rose ran for County Legislator of the Fourth District in 1981 and has successfully been re-elected to five terms.

During her tenure as Suffolk County Legislator, Rose has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors in appreciation of her public service. She has gained much experience and an overall knowledge in all levels of government. Rose was Chairperson of the Veterans Affairs Committee for three years, chaired the Public Works and Dredging & Screen Committees for five years, and for the past two years, she has served as Chair of the Legislative, Personnel & Government committee. Rose has also been a member of the Human Services, Ways & Means, Health, Transportation, Hazardous Materials, Senior Citizens, Public Safety, Finance & Education, Environment & Energy, and Education & Youth, Budget Ad Hoc, and Insurance & Risk Management committees, as well as a member of the Health & Safety Grievance Council. Rose also serves as an advisory member for the Suffolk County Council of Boy Scouts, and served on the Development Committee of APPLE.

While chairing the Veterans Affairs Committee, Rose is proud to have sponsored legislation for the Viet Nam Memorial in Farmingville, as well as the Armed Forces Plaza in Hauppauge, and for acquiring land for the American Legion Convention Center in Setauket. Rose also formed two commissions to study proposals for a Korean War Veterans Monument and a Women Veterans Monument, the first in Suffolk County, which have been erected at the Hauppauge site.

On May 28, 1995, Legislator Rose Caracappa passed away.

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to rise today in support of a bill to redesignate the U.S. Post Office building in Centereach, NY, as the "Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building." I am proud to be a cosponsor of this bill, and I commend my colleague, MIKE FORBES, for introducing this legislation.

I served with Rose during my 4 years in the Suffolk County legislature. I succeed Rose as the chair of the legislature's Committee on Veterans and Seniors. I knew Rose well. She was a great friend not only to me, but also to Suffolk County's veterans and seniors. Her passing touched local veterans and seniors very deeply.

Yet, her work lives on. She was responsible for the placement of several of the war monuments to both men and women veterans at Veterans Plaza outside the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge. Rose never missed a parade in honor of veterans and often could be seen marching with them in annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades. She was truly a patriot and a great American. We all miss her greatly, and it is fitting that this tribute will endure in her absence.

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. 3139.

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. 3139.

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

There was no objection.

#### ROGER P. McAULIFFE POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3834) to redesignate the Dunning Post Office in Chicago, IL, as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3834

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

#### SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION.

The Dunning Post Office, located at 6441 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois, shall be redesignated and know as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office".

#### 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 referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN] each will control 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, I am pleased to report that the legislation before us, H.R. 3834, was approved unanimously by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. This legislation redesignates the Dunning Post Office located at 6441 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL, as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office." The bill was introduced by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. FLANAGAN], and is cosponsored by his full State delegation, as required by committee policy.

The late Roger McAuliffe was elected to the Illinois House for 24 years. He served the people of the 14th District, Chicago's northwest side and several suburbs, including Park Ridge, Rosemont, Norridge, and Schiller Park. He had previously represented the 16th District.

Mr. McAuliffe served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963. He graduated from the Chicago Police Academy in 1965 and remained on active duty with the Chicago Police Department even as he served in the legislature. He was known as an advocate for senior citizens, tax caps, and fighting crime and successfully enacted stiffer penalties for drunken driving. He also promoted legislation for school reform and pension benefits to families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. Roger McAuliffe was assistant majority leader of the Illinois House when he died unexpectedly, the day before his 58th birthday, in a fatal boating incident.

Mr. Speaker, I am a cosponsor of this legislation and I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 3834.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, we also support this bill redesignating the Dunning Post Office that is located on West Irving Park Road in Chicago as the Roger McAuliffe Post Office. The Illinois delegation has chosen a fitting way to honor a former State representative in this way.

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State Representative McAuliffe was the dean of the Illinois State House Republicans. He recently died in a tragic boating accident over the Fourth of July holiday.

So we would support this measure.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. FLANAGAN], the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. FLANAGAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York

[Mr. MCHUGH], chairman of the Subcommittee on Postal Service, and the ranking member, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN], as well as the chairman of the full committee, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER], and especially the ranking member of the full committee, the gentlewoman from Illinois [Mrs. COLLINS], who is of the Illinois delegation and a cosponsor of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, as the sponsor of H.R. 3834 to redesignate the Dunning Post Office at 6441 West Irving Park Road in Chicago the Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office I would like to take this time to tell my colleagues about Roger McAuliffe. Roger was not only my constituent, but also a good personal friend, a wonderful man who was first elected to the Illinois General Assembly in 1972.

At the time of his tragic death in a boating accident on July 5 of this year, the day before his 58th birthday, Roger was the dean of the Illinois State House Republicans, having just completed his 24th year of service there. In the State house, he served as the assistant majority leader. Many Members of our Illinois House congressional delegation, who have cosponsored this legislation along with the chairman of the Subcommittee on Postal Service, served with Roger in the Illinois General Assembly.

Roger represented the people of the 14th State House District, which overlaps in part the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, and takes in not only the northwest side of Chicago, but also such suburbs as Park Ridge, Rosemont, Norridge, and Schiller Park. Not only did we share some commonality in our district boundaries, but Roger and I were both graduates of Chicago's Lane Technical High School.

Since we were both lifelong Chicagoans, I often relied on Roger for advice on Chicago area matters, and his keen insights were always a help. Other Members have told me that they, too, frequently relied on Roger for his astute wisdom and counsel.

Being a State representative, however, was only one of Roger's public service roles. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963, Roger then became a Chicago police officer. He graduated in 1965 from the Chicago Police Academy and was still a Chicago patrolman at the time of his unfortunate death.

Because he never wanted to take advantage of his elected office, Roger remained a patrolman his whole life. Although the police department on many occasions wanted to promote Roger to higher rank, Roger always refused. Roger also turned down chances to run for mayor, sheriff, and Cook County board president. He thought he would be a better servant of the community if he remained a State legislator. And so he did.

Given his background in law enforcement, Roger promoted legislation for stiffer penalties for drunk drivers and

pension benefits to the families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. Well known for his constituent services, Roger was particularly concerned about senior citizens and, as far back as 1981, he started holding driving seminars for senior citizens. They were so popular that as many as 1,000 at a time attended them.

Known locally as the Monsignor, Roger was well liked and respected by both sides of the aisle. The July 10, 1996, article entitled "A Sense of Loss" by Chicago Sun-Times reporter Steve Neal well describes why Roger is already sorely missed. I will include this article following my remarks.

I can think of no finer tribute to Roger McAuliffe's memory than to honor his dedicated and distinguished long public service by redesignating the Dunning Post Office the Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office. I urge my colleagues to unanimously pass this measure.

The article referred to is as follows:

[From the Chicago Sun-Times, July 10, 1996]

#### A SENSE OF LOSS

ROGER P. MCAULIFFE WAS A POPULAR MEMBER OF THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WILL BE MISSED BY HIS NEIGHBORS ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE

(By Steve Neal)

He was a neighborhood guy.

That was the secret of state Rep. Roger P. McAuliffe's success.

McAuliffe, assistant majority leader of the Illinois House and a Chicago police officer, who presumably drowned in a boating accident in Northern Wisconsin, rose to statewide political influence. But the Northwest Sider never forgot that all politics is local.

He promoted legislation for Chicago school reform, property-tax relief, stiffer penalties for drunken drivers, and pension benefits to the families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

"He was strong and decisive. The people of Illinois have lost a tremendous legislator and the people of Chicago have lost a strong advocate," said House Speaker Lee A. Daniels (R-Elmhurst), a friend for more than 20 years. "Roger was the best in the state at providing services to his constituents."

McAuliffe may have been the most popular member of the General Assembly. "Everyone liked Roger. He was just one of those guys who was universally liked. His word was good. He loved helping people. He was a grand person to be with on social occasions. He's going to be missed," added former Illinois Senate President Philip J. Rock (D-Oak Park).

"If you knew him as a police officer, you never knew that he was a politician," said Chicago police officer Bill Nelligan, a close friend.

McAuliffe was first elected to the Illinois House in 1972. His district included the 38th and 41st wards, part of the 36th Ward, and neighboring suburbs.

Jack Dorgan, a former aide, said McAuliffe eased tension between the city and suburbs. "He always said that the people in the city and suburbs aren't different except for the ZIP codes," Dorgan said.

"He was a good neighbor to everyone. You could always count on him when there was a problem. When he walked through the neighborhood, everyone knew him as their friend first and an elected official second," said 38th Ward Democratic committeeman Patricia J. Cullerton.

An Irish American who grew up on the Northwest Side, McAuliffe was a second-generation Republican. After graduating from Lane Tech and serving in the U.S. Army, McAuliffe joined the 38th Ward GOP organizations. Through hard work, he became the city's GOP precinct captain.

In his 24-year legislative career, McAuliffe's most notable win was his 1982 reelection. He was told it couldn't be done. In 1980, voters had approved a constitutional amendment that reduced the size of the House and replaced the state's unique system of cumulative voting with single-member districts.

Under the old system, each legislative district elected three representatives, including one from the minority party. McAuliffe was among 17 Chicago GOP representatives. The other 16 members of this group retired or were defeated in 1982.

State Rep. Roman J. Kosinski (D-Chicago), who ran against McAuliffe in 1982, was favored to win. Even though there was a Democratic landslide in the city, McAuliffe won by 607 votes out of 37,000 cast. "Roger wasn't a quitter. He just outworked Kosinski," recalled Fred Rupley, McAuliffe's pal.

McAuliffe never had another close election. He survived by forging alliances with Northwest Side Democrats.

He is the only Chicago Republican elected to the House since the cutback amendment. McAuliffe turned down chances to run for mayor, Cook County Board president and sheriff. "He was very comfortable as a state legislator. He knew that he could control his own destiny," Rupley said.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3834, a bill to redesignate the Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office in Chicago as a fitting tribute to my former colleague and friend.

I had the privilege of serving with Roger in the Illinois General Assembly from 1972, when we were in the same freshman class, until my election to Congress. Roger was the only one of our class to continue to serve in the general assembly until his tragic fatal accident—and serve he did.

Roger was known as an advocate for senior citizens, property tax caps, and as a former Chicago Police Officer, for fighting crime. Known particularly for his constituent services, he aided the residents of the neighborhoods of Chicago's northwest side as well as several suburbs including Park Ridge, Rosemont, Norridge and Shiller Park.

Even though he served as assistant majority leader, with a Republican House and Republican Senate, as the only Republican from Chicago in the State House, Roger effectively crossed party lines and worked with Republicans and Democrats alike. He will certainly be missed.

Roger touched many of us, with his warmth and good cheer. He was a dedicated public servant and a dear friend, and I will miss him greatly. I commend my colleague from Illinois [Mr. FLANAGAN] for his fitting tribute to Roger's memory, and for his efforts to expedite consideration of this important measure by the House.

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). 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. 3834.

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 have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3834.

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

There was no objection.

#### AMOS F. LONGORIA POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2700) to designate the United States Post Office building located at 7980 FM 327, Elmendorf, TX, as the "Amos F. Longoria Post Office Building", as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2700

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

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The building located at 8302 FM 327, Elmendorf, Texas, which houses operations of the United States Postal Service, shall be known and designated as the "Amos F. Longoria Post Office Building", and any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to such building shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Amos F. Longoria Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN] each will control 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, H.R. 2700 was unanimously approved as amended by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 2700 designates the U.S. Post Office building located at 7980 FM 327, Elmendorf, TX, as the "Amos F. Longoria Post Office Building." The amendment corrects the address to read 8302 FM 327 and modifies the title of the bill to reflect the change. H.R. 2700 was introduced by the gentleman from Texas, [Mr. TEJEDA] and was cosponsored by the full Texas House Delegation, pursuant to committee policy.

H.R. 2700 honors Amos F. Longoria who was born in Elmendorf on September 12, 1924. He was one of seven children of Bonaficio and Juanita F. Longoria. Amos Longoria was drafted into the U.S. Army in April 1943 during his last year of high school; he reported for basic training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. He volunteered to

serve in the European theater during World War II, was assigned to the 30th Infantry, 3d Division and saw combat in the Italian campaign. Amos Longoria was wounded during the first 6 months of his joining the military but he returned to duty shortly thereafter. He was mortally wounded on November 13, 1943 at the crossing of the Rapido River in Italy and died in an army hospital in Italy on November 19, 1943 at the age of 19.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 2700 as amended, a bill naming the Post Office Building in honor of a local, young hero who served when called and died in service to your country.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2700 as introduced by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. TEJEDA]. This bill designates the U.S. Post Office in Elmendorf, TX, as the "Amos F. Longoria Post Office." Mr. Longoria was drafted in the U.S. Army and served in the European theater during World War II. He was fatally wounded at the crossing of the Rapido River in Italy and later died on November 19, 1943.

This is a very fitting tribute to a dedicated public servant who paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country, so I am pleased to join my colleagues in support of this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. TEJEDA], a very hard-working and courageous Congressman.

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to come to the floor today to urge everyone to support H.R. 2700, legislation to name the Elmendorf Post Office in the name of Amos Longoria.

First I would like to take a minute to thank my colleagues who have spent much of their time in the floor. All 29 of my Texas colleagues who cosponsored the bill have done an outstanding job especially particularly the gentleman from Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN, and also I would like to thank very much the gentleman from New York, Mr. MCHUGH and ranking Democrat, the gentlewoman from Michigan, Miss COLLINS, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. CLINGER and ranking Democrat, the gentlewoman from Illinois Mrs. COLLINS.

Most of all, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the citizens of Elmendorf, TX, for, first of all, circulating and doing everything possible to do, and they did an outstanding job in 1 year to bring in the name. I have known the Longoria family for many years, and I cannot think of a more worthy person for this honor than Amos Longoria.

First of all, it was mentioned before, but first of all let me just say that Amos Longoria was born in Elmendorf, TX, on September 12, 1924, and was one of seven children born of Bonifacio and Juanita Longoria. Amos was drafted