

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

Madam Speaker, let me first of all express my appreciation to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) and the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD), and all of the minority members, including, of course, the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), for their continued and continuous support on these kinds of measures.

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I do think it is a very fine example as to how the majority and minority can work toward a common good and a common action.

I also want to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), the chairman of the full committee, for his continuous support in these efforts and for helping us to expedite consideration as we wind down the end of this legislative session so that we can, indeed, pay tribute to a very deserving individual.

I want to say that I certainly agree with the comments of the two previous speakers. The cause of this crime was despicable, and I think it is true as well that all Americans find hate and find the kinds of actions fueled by the hate in this instance to be unspeakably evil. And to the extent that we can make a statement against that in this forum, that is a positive thing.

But I would say that we are here today honoring an individual who fell and who was victimized and who we think would be worthy of this honor regardless of the motivations of the criminal who took his life. This is a man who has, through his life, through his roots and the way in which he has overcome, earned all of our admiration.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Iletto I think in many ways is a perfect profile for the American dream, a gentleman who works hard, someone who carries the common values that have continuously bound this Nation together through our more than two centuries of existence. And regardless of his race, his color, his religious beliefs or any other distinguishing factor is a man fully deserving of this honor today.

So with that, Madam Speaker, I offer again our deepest sympathies to Mr. Iletto's family, to his loved ones, and to those who knew him and urge that all Members support this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). 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. 3189.

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. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3189, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

THOMAS J. BROWN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2307) to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2307

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, shall be known and designated as the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

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

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2307 was introduced by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) on June 22 of this year. This legislation designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, as the Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building.

Both the relevant subcommittee and committee approved this legislation, which is cosponsored by the entire House delegation of the State of Massachusetts.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Brown is a past president of the Boston Athletic Association and former postmaster of the town of Hopkinton, which is the starting point for the Boston Marathon. Mr. Brown has been actively involved in the Boston Marathon in his capacity as president of the Boston Athletic Association.

Madam Speaker, again we are here, as we did in the first bill, although under very, very different circumstances, paying tribute to an individual who perhaps does not find his name on the front page of the Nation's newspapers or as one of the lead stories on the evening news broadcast. But,

nevertheless, we are here honoring a man who has, through his association, both with the Postal Service and with his activities and love of his community, has shown great leadership in important ways.

I would say, Madam Speaker, that Mr. Brown is a kind of testament to, again, the American way of life, to someone who is not involved in any kind of community activity for power or glory or certainly for enrichment, but rather cares about their neighbors, cares about his association with those neighbors, and works simply to make today better than yesterday and, hopefully, tomorrow a little bit better than today.

I would certainly urge all of our colleagues to support H.R. 2307 and honor this postal employee who is so actively involved in a very important part of his town's history. And I am always, as chairman of the subcommittee, particularly gratified when those postal employees, nearly 900,000 individuals who each day make this wonderful system work so well, are honored in this manner, particularly, as it does in this case, occurring in their hometown in the very facility in which they discharge those duties.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I join the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) in his comments with regard to honoring this wonderful former postmaster. As a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join him in consideration of H.R. 2307.

H.R. 2307, introduced by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) on June 22, 1999, seeks to honor Mr. Thomas J. Brown. Mr. Brown is the former postmaster of the town of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and past president of the Boston Athletic Association. Hopkinton, Massachusetts, is the starting point for the Boston Marathon, and Mr. Brown has been extensively involved in this race in his capacity as president of the BAA.

Designating a post office after a former postmaster is an excellent way to honor Mr. Brown's achievement. Madam Speaker, I could go on into further detail about the numerous community activities Mr. Brown is involved in, but I would prefer to yield time to the sponsor of H.R. 2307, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN).

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I yield 3½ minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN).

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) not only for his support but for yielding me this time.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2307 to designate the Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. I wish to thank the gentleman from New York (Chairman MCHUGH) for his support and for the support of this subcommittee in moving this bill through the Committee on Government Reform and bringing it to the House floor today.

This bill will name the Federal Post Office at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, after Thomas J. Brown. Mr. Brown is a long-time resident of Hopkinton, served as postmaster from 1940 to 1970, and this bill will give the brand-new Hopkinton Post Office a name in tribute to a man who has served his community with pride and dignity for over 30 years.

Mr. Brown is a World War II veteran, having served in San Francisco and Pearl Harbor in the Postal Division of the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946. He served on the Board of Governors from 1978 to 1985, and as president from 1982 to 1985 of the Boston Athletic Association. Of national importance, Mr. Brown also served as official starter of the Boston Marathon, the famous 26-mile race that starts in the town of Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

This new post office is vital to the town of Hopkinton. Roughly five times the size of the current building, this new building has an extra customer service window, 800 post office boxes and a stamp vending machine. This new post office is needed because of the rising number of new residents who have moved to Hopkinton in the past decade. These improvements will better serve all the residents of the surrounding area in honor of Mr. Brown and his dedication to his community.

The Town of Hopkinton Office of the Selectmen, the Boston Athletic Association, and the entire Massachusetts congressional delegation support this bill to honor Thomas J. Brown's community service. This is an important bill to the Town of Hopkinton and to the lives of the people Mr. Brown has touched.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2307 and name the Hopkinton Post Office after Thomas J. Brown.

Madam Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD the following letters of support and related news articles about the new post office and the effort to name it after Mr. Brown.

TOWN OF HOPKINTON,
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN,
Hopkinton, MA, June 4, 1999.

Mr. GUY L. MORSE III,
*Director, Boston Athletic Association,
Boston, MA.*

DEAR GUY: The Board of Selectmen received your letter discussing the B.A.A.'s proposal that the new Hopkinton Post Office be dedicated to Tom Brown, long-time resident of the Town, Hopkinton Postmaster from 1940-1970, and official starter of the Boston Marathon for many years.

Our Board strongly supports this proposal. It would be a well-earned tribute to a man

who served this community well, over many years.

We hope your proposal will be carefully considered by Congress, and successfully implemented!

Sincerely,

MAUREEN L. DWINNELL,
Chairman.

[From the Milford Daily News, Aug. 27, 1999]
NEW POST OFFICE IN HOPKINTON

(By John B. Moore)

HOPKINTON.—With little potential for controversy, the new Hopkinton Post Office likely will open this fall and be dedicated to former postmaster and Boston Marathon honcho Thomas J. Brown.

The proposal to name the soon-to-be-opened post office, which passed out of committee earlier this month, is expected to be adopted by Congress by October, if not sooner.

"I'm so pleased this is progressing so well," said Guy Morse, president of the Boston Athletic Association and the man behind the move to dedicate the building in Brown's name.

Brown, who served as Hopkinton's postmaster from 1940-1970, now lives in Maine.

A former Hayden Rowe Street resident, he was president of the Boston Athletic Association from 1982-1985. He also served as the official starter of the marathon for a number of years.

"The bill has been marked up by the Committee on Government Reform and when they come back from recess at the beginning of September it will go to the floor," said Michael Mershon, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-3rd.

"The person I spoke to yesterday said they expect it to pass through the floor of the House no later than mid-October."

Once the measure is approved, it goes to the U.S. Senate before landing on the president's desk for his signature.

When the bill makes it to the Senate, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., will take the reins.

"There has been no doubt in my mind that the new post office in Hopkinton should be named after Tom Brown—someone who has served his community for years as postmaster and who has contributed so much of his time and energy to the Boston Marathon," Kerry said.

Along with McGovern and local town officials, Kerry has strongly supported naming the post office after Brown.

"What better way to honor Tom Brown than to name the post office after him right in Hopkinton, where year after year we start the Boston Marathon," Kerry said.

Morse toured the new post office earlier this week and spoke with the current postmaster about a ceremony.

"We're looking to hopefully have something in the beginning of October," Morse said.

"I'm very pleased that it looks like it might actually come about," Morse said. "I think it's a great testimony to Tom Brown that so many people got involved to make this happen."

[From the Hopkinton Town Crier, Oct. 19, 1999]

NEW POST OFFICE, AWAIT'S OFFICIAL FANFARE
(By John B. Moore)

The new post office will receive little fanfare this week.

The big celebration will likely be held in late fall when the building is officially dedicated to former resident and past Boston Marathon President Tom Brown.

"One of the reasons we're moving ahead with the opening is because the asphalt plants will probably be closed by the end of

November and we need to have the customer parking lot paved on time," said Post Master John Hester.

The future lot now sits under the old, overburdened post office resting in the shadow of the new state-of-the-art facility on Cedar Street, scheduled to open Monday.

"We'll close the old building at noon on Saturday and start moving everything over then," Hester said Thursday.

The old building will be torn down to make room for more parking spaces. Both buildings are leased to the Postal Service.

The new 13,800-square-foot post office is roughly five times the size of the current building.

"Everyone has been ready for this for a while now," Hester said. "You wouldn't believe how excited we are."

Hester is among those cheering the new opening. For one thing, he gets to move out of the old trailer parked behind the buildings that has been his office for years.

"The other post office could just about fit in this lobby," said Hester, walking inside the new facility yesterday afternoon.

Along with more office space, the new building has an extra customer service window, 800 post office boxes and a stamp vending machine, along with more parking spaces.

There is also an electronic scale inside the lobby allowing customers to weigh and stamp their packages without ever having to wait in line.

There will also be an entire wall lined with prepackaged stamps and other merchandise.

Also in for a change will be the hours of the service windows.

The old building used to open the windows from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. They will now open an hour later.

"I did a study to determine what people were buying during different hours and what I found out is 90 percent stamps during that early hour," Hester said.

With the stamp vending machine, it made little sense to keep the window open for that hour.

The Saturday hours will be shortened, as well, with the post office opening from 8:30 a.m. to noon closing two hours early.

"We just found that the volume wasn't there and like any other businesses we need to control costs," he said.

The prime reason for the new building is the soaring number of new residents who have moved into town over the last decade. The old building is simply buckling under the strain.

"This building is set up to anticipate new growth," he said. "This is a building everyone should be proud of."

Before the building can be dedicated to Brown, U.S. legislators have to give the final OK.

Though the naming measure is routine, it takes time to filter through the House and Senate, an aide to Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass., said.

The ceremony will probably take place in November, said Bob Cannon, a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service.

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A former Hayden Rowe Street resident, he was president of the Boston Athletic Association from 1982-1985. He also served as the official starter of the Marathon for a number of years.

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

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

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr.

McGOVERN) for his statement. One of the things that he pointed out, Madam Speaker, is that Mr. Brown is also a veteran. I think so often our veterans play such significant roles while they are in the military and when they leave. And here is another example of a veteran when he left the military to go on and do some very, very significant things to help people.

The gentleman also talked about Mr. Brown being the starter, the person who started the race, and that is very significant when we think about what is happening today. He went on to talk about how this Post Office is much larger so it could serve so many more people as the town has grown.

The fact is that our honoree, Mr. Brown, was one who was there way back when, and now he has seen not only the race grow but he has seen this wonderful town grow. And so it is with great honor and privilege that I take a moment today to, number one, thank Mr. Brown for all that he has done. I also want to thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGOVERN) for being so sensitive to all of those people who are supporting this wonderful and very important legislation. I again thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), the chairman of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service; and I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), the ranking member of that subcommittee; and of course the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), the chairman and ranking member respectively.

Madam speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of the remaining time.

Madam Speaker, let me associate myself with particularly the last comments by the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS). Veterans of virtually any war are a very special class of people to whom those of us who enjoy the fruits of this wonderful democracy really owe more than we can ever repay. And I, too, want to thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGOVERN) for providing this opportunity to recognize, not only as I said earlier a 3-decade employee of the United States Postal Service, but like so many of his contemporaries, an individual whose record of service extends even beyond that of his service during World War II.

Heroes come in many different forms and walk in many different ways in this life. To the community of Hopkinton, to the Greater Boston area, and to all of those across this country who believe, as I do, that the Boston Marathon is such a special event, without question, this gentleman, Mr. Brown, is a hero. We are very, very lucky today to have this opportunity.

Madam Speaker, I too want to express my appreciation to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) for being here today and for managing

this bill, for the continued support of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) as the ranking member, along with, of course, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) as the ranking member of the full committee and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), chairman of the full committee, and his staff and the staff of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service for their untiring work in processing these in the way in which they should be processed: in a bipartisan cooperative manner.

Madam Speaker, I close with a final urging to all of our colleagues to support this fine bill, H.R. 2307.

Madam 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. 2307.

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. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2307, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

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EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OVER PAYNE STEWART'S DEATH

Mr. Miller of Florida. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 344) recognizing and honoring Payne Stewart and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death and to the families of those who died with him.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 344

Whereas William Payne Stewart was born in Springfield, Missouri, on January 30, 1957;

Whereas Payne Stewart was the son of William Stewart and Bee Payne-Stewart and brother of Susan and Lora;

Whereas Payne Stewart grew up in a loving family in Springfield, Missouri, and was instilled with the strong family values of hard work, academic achievement, and good sportsmanship;

Whereas although Payne Stewart was a good athlete in football and basketball, under the mentoring of his father, he took up the game of golf, practicing and playing at Hickory Hills Country Club and growing to love the game and its history;

Whereas Payne Stewart grew proficient in the game of golf during his years at Greenwood High School and at Southern Methodist University in Texas where he earned the status of "All-American";

Whereas Payne Stewart attained two milestones in 1981, marrying Marries Theresa "Tracey" Ferguson and qualifying for his Professional Golfer's Card;

Whereas Payne Stewart donned what became his trademark knickers, long socks and cap and won his first professional golf tournament in 1982 at the Quad Cities Open in Illinois—the only professional golf tournament victory his father ever saw him win;

Whereas Payne Stewart won 11 professional golf tournaments, including the United States Open in 1991 and 1999 and the Professional Golfers' Association Championship in 1989, and was a member of the United States Ryder Cup Team 5 times, including the team that staged the greatest comeback victory in the history of the event in 1999;

Whereas in 1994, Payne Stewart was among the first athletes inducted in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame;

Whereas Payne Stewart was never selfish with his successes, sharing generously with many charitable organizations, including giving his entire Bay Hill Classic winner's purse of \$108,000 to the Florida Hospital Golden Circle of Friends in memory of his father;

Whereas just last year Payne Stewart and his wife donated \$500,000 to the First Foundation, the fund raising arm of the First Baptist Church of Orlando, to be used for the expansion of a Christian school;

Whereas Payne Stewart always found time to be a golf teacher and mentor to children who were learning the game, returning to Springfield in late July 1999 to conduct one of many children's clinics for would-be future golf competitors;

Whereas Payne Stewart served as a role model for his Christian faith and his sport in countless public and private ways;

Whereas Payne Stewart was a loving husband to his wife Tracey, daughter Chelsea, and son Aaron;

Whereas Payne Stewart was viewed by his friends and former classmates as a fun-loving, warm, and smiling man with a joy for life, his family and his sport;

Whereas Payne Stewart transcended the game of golf as a timeless symbol of athletic talent, spirited competition, and a role model for people of all ages; and

Whereas Payne Stewart died in a tragic plane crash on October 25, 1999, along with Van Arden, Stephanie Bellegarrigue, Bruce Borland, Robert Fraley, and Michael Kling; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes and honors Payne Stewart—

(A) as one of the greatest golfers;

(B) for his many contributions to the Nation throughout his lifetime; and

(C) for transcending the game of golf and becoming a timeless symbol of athletic talent, spirited competition, and a role model as a Christian gentleman and a loving father and husband; and

(2) extends its deepest condolences to the families of Payne Stewart and the other victims in the plane crash, Van Arden, Stephanie Bellegarrigue, Bruce Borland, Robert Fraley, and Michael Kling, on their tragic loss.

SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of each of the victims.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER).