

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BACHUS. 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. 2815.

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

There was no objection.

JOHN BRADEMAS POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2938) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "John Brademas Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2938

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 facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "John Brademas Post Office".

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

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

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

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. 2938.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, we have before us today, as the Clerk just designated, a bill that will name the facility of the United States Post Office located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the John Brademas Post Office.

As is the practice under the government reform procedures of this bill, I am proud to state it does carry the co-sponsorship of the entire Indiana delegation. Mr. Speaker, as I do on all of these bills, I have had the opportunity to read the real life story of Mr. Brademas, and it is a remarkable one.

I am very proud of the record that the House Subcommittee on the Postal Service has accrued and are working in partnership together. I want to thank certainly the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), the gentleman from Illinois

(Mr. DAVIS), a very distinguished Member of that subcommittee, thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for his efforts, not just on this bill, but in all of our work and, of course, for his managing the minority side of the discussion here this afternoon. The ranking member of the full committee, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), and, of course, the full committee chairman, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), for what is yet another demonstration of bipartisanship in advancing this bill.

I particularly want to pay tribute to the main sponsor of the bill, the gentleman from Indiana, (Mr. ROEMER) for really his tireless efforts in ensuring that we have this moment today.

As I mentioned, Mr. Brademas has just a remarkable career that expands over so many years, and I do not want to take away from what I expect will be rather thorough comments by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER) to whom I will yield to his side in just a moment. So I will not recount all of the many, many achievements of this distinguished gentleman, but let me say in relationship to the others who have received similar tributes on this House floor, that even by those very, very high standards, Mr. Brademas really excels.

Mr. Speaker, of course he was a colleague and Member of this great body from 1959 to 1981, more than 2 decades, 22 years, in fact, of distinguished service to the people of his district in Indiana and, of course, to the people of this country; and he achieved so much that it is hard to define them all.

Certainly, I think as we take an overview, his efforts on behalf of education particularly stand out. It is a dedication that he brought virtually to every effort that he made, and it is a dedication that predated his time here in Washington and certainly continues even past that to this moment.

I want to say as someone who has the honor of representing one of the districts of New York, we are particularly pleased that we can claim a bit of a piece of Mr. Brademas. Certainly, that becomes possible through his exemplary service as the president of New York University, the largest private university in the United States, where he led that great institution for some 11 years, transforming it from what was then really a regional commuter school into a national and international residential research university.

Even today, he continues to serve as the president emeritus of that great facility and a trustee of the university. As I mentioned, we have before us today a distinguished gentleman, one for whom I think we can all direct a great deal of admiration and from whom we can draw a great deal of inspiration.

Again, to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER), a great deal of thanks for bringing this very, very fine nominee to our attention; and I would

certainly encourage all of our colleagues here to support this very, very fine bill.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service, I am pleased to join my colleague in the consideration of H.R. 2938, legislation designating the United States Postal Service facility located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, after the Honorable John Brademas, a former Member of Congress.

H.R. 2938 was introduced by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER) on September the 3, 1999, and reported unanimously from the Committee on Government Reform on September 30, 1999.

This measure is supported and co-sponsored by the entire Indiana congressional delegation. Mr. John Brademas was born in Mishawaka, Indiana, in 1927 and graduated from South Bend Central High School in 1945. He joined the Navy and was a Veterans National Scholar at Harvard University from which he graduated in 1949 with a BA magna cum laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University and received the doctor of philosophy in social studies degree in 1954. Dr. Brademas, the first native born American of Greek origin to be elected to Congress, represented with honor and distinction the 3rd Congressional District of Indiana for 22 years, from 1959 to 1981.

He served on the Committee on Education and Labor and was House majority whip for his last 4 years in Congress. As a Member of the Committee on Education and Labor, Congressman Brademas played a key role in authorizing legislation concerning student financial aid, elementary and secondary education, vocational education and support for libraries, museums and the arts and humanities.

After serving in Congress, Dr. Brademas became president of New York University, the largest private university in the United States, for 11 years, transforming NYU from a regional commuter school into a national and international residential research university. He is currently serving as president emeritus of this university.

Dr. Brademas has been awarded honorary degrees by 50 colleges and universities and serves on numerous boards of nonprofit and for-profit organizations. The gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER) is to be commended for seeking to honor the caliber of a man such as former Congressman John Brademas.

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

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to

the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER).

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for yielding me the time and for his kind comments about our colleague, Mr. Brademas. I want to thank also the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHUGH), from the great State of New York, for his help in putting up with my tireless efforts and helping us pass this legislation here today.

I want to thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), and special gratitude goes to the entire Indiana delegation, who not only agreed to cosponsor this legislation, but also to help push this legislation and see the success that we have today. I also want to thank all nine of the other members of the Indiana delegation for their help.

I am joined today by a distinguished Member, the gentlewoman from Indianapolis, Indiana (Ms. CARSON), who also will say some words about John Brademas.

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise in support of H.R. 2938, a bill I introduced several months ago to designate the United States Post Office located at 424 South Michigan Street in my hometown of South Bend as the John Brademas Post Office.

John Brademas is one of the most distinguished people to serve in Congress from the 3rd Congressional District of Indiana, as a matter of fact, from the State of Indiana and probably in the country. While John Brademas was serving in the House, I briefly worked as a staff assistant in his congressional office. His guidance has been a constant source of inspiration to me, and I have always tried to serve in Congress with the same degree of honor and integrity and respect for the institution and the office to which I have now served and which John Brademas served for 22 years.

John Brademas helped teach me the importance of family and community and the value of public service. John Brademas graduated from South Bend Central High School in 1945. After service in the U.S. Navy, he was a Veterans National Scholar at Harvard University from which he graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts. He also served as executive assistant to the late Adlai Stevenson in 1955 and in 1956.

Dr. Brademas was in charge of the research on issues during that 1956 presidential campaign. Three years later, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for the 3rd district of Indiana.

Over the years, John Brademas has made numerous enduring contributions for the great State of Indiana and for our Nation. His accomplishments and contributions are as impressive as they are numerous. As those of us who served with John know, he was for 22 years a particularly active member of the Committee on Education and the

Workforce, where he earned a highly distinguished reputation for his leadership in promoting education.

He also worked tirelessly in support of landmark legislation, such as the Higher Education Acts of 1972 and 1976, which cleared the way for more Americans to gain access to financial aid. Dr. Brademas was also the primary sponsor of legislation improving elementary and secondary education, vocational education, as well as services for the elderly and the handicapped.

Following his retirement from Congress, Dr. Brademas served by appointment of the House Speaker Tip O'Neill on the National Commission on Student Financial Assistance and chaired its Subcommittee on Graduate Education. Upon leaving Congress, John Brademas became president of NYU, New York University, our Nation's largest private university, a position in which he served for 11 years.

In 1984, he initiated fund-raising campaigns that produced a total of \$1 billion over 10 years. The New York Times headline from that time read, "A decade and a billion dollars put New York University in first rank."

Now, president emeritus, Dr. Brademas is also chairman, by appointment of President Clinton, of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. In 1997, this committee released Creative America, a report to the President recommending new and innovative ways to strengthen support and improve on private and public education for these two fields.

In addition to his responsibilities at NYU, Dr. Brademas is currently the chairman of the board of the National Endowment for Democracy and serves on the Consultants' Panel to the Comptroller General of the United States.

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I am proud to sponsor this bipartisan legislation, and am pleased that all 10 members of the Indiana delegation of the House of Representatives are original cosponsors.

This measure is a fitting tribute to one of the great leaders and educators to have served in Congress, and I strongly encourage my colleagues to support H.R. 2938.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise in support of H.R. 2938, a bill I introduced with the entire Hoosier delegation to designate the United States Post Office located at 424 South Michigan Street in my hometown of South Bend, Indiana, as the "John Brademas Post Office."

John Brademas is one of the most distinguished predecessors as the U.S. Representative in Congress of the Third Congressional District of Indiana. While John Brademas was serving in the House, I worked as a staff assistant in his congressional office. In that time, I learned a great deal from him about the importance of family and community and the value of public service. His guidance has been a constant source of inspiration to me, and I have always tried to serve in Congress with the same degree of honor and respect for the institution and the office to which I was elected.

John Brademas graduated from South Bend Central High School in 1945. After service in the U.S. Navy, he was a Veterans National Scholar at Harvard University from which he graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He wrote his doctoral dissertation at Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. As Executive Assistant to the late Adlai Stevenson in 1955–56, Dr. Brademas was in charge of research on issues during the 1956 presidential campaign. Three years later, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives to represent Indiana's Third Congressional District.

Over the years, John Brademas has made numerous enduring contributions for the great state of Indiana and our Nation. His accomplishments and contributions are as impressive as they are numerous. As those of you who served with John Brademas know, he was for 22 years (1959–1981), a particularly active member of the Committee on Education and Labor, where he earned a highly distinguished reputation for his leadership in promotion education. He also worked tirelessly in support of landmark legislation such as the Higher Education Acts of 1972 and 1976, which cleared the way for more Americans to gain access to student financial aid. Dr. Brademas was also the primary sponsor of legislation improving elementary and secondary education, vocational education, as well as services for the elderly and handicapped. I am very proud to follow John Brademas' as a member of the same committee, now known as the Committee on Education and the Workforce. He served his last four years in the House as the Chief Majority Whip.

Following his retirement from Congress, Dr. Brademas served, by appointment of House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., on the National Commission on Student Financial Assistance and chaired its Subcommittee on Graduate Education. In 1983, the Commission approved the Subcommittee's study, *Signs of Trouble and Erosion: A Report of Graduate Education in America*. Upon leaving Congress, John Brademas became president of New York University, our nation's largest private university, a position in which he served for 11 years (1981–1992). During that time, Dr. Brademas led the transition of NYU from a mostly regional school to a national and international residential research university.

In 1984, he initiated a fundraising campaign that produced a total of \$1 billion over ten years. The New York Times headline from that time read, "A Decade and Billion Dollars Put New York University in [the] First Rank." Now president-emeritus, Dr. Brademas is also chairman, by appointment of President Clinton, of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. In 1997, this committee released Creative America, a report to the President recommending new and innovative ways to strengthen support, private and public, for these two fields.

In addition his responsibilities at NYU, Dr. Brademas is currently the chairman of the board of the National Endowment for Democracy and serves on the Consultants' Panel to the Comptroller General of the United States. He is co-chairman of the Center on Science, Technology and Congress at the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He earlier served on the Carnegie Commission on Science, Technology and Government and chaired its Committee on Congress.

I am proud to sponsor this bipartisan legislation and am pleased that all ten members of the Indiana delegation in the House of Representatives are original cosponsors of the bill. This measure is a fitting tribute to one of the greatest leaders and educators to have ever served in Congress. I strongly encourage my colleagues to support H.R. 2938.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON).

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I certainly thank the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), as well as the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reiterate my support for the designation of the South Bend Post Office in honor of a former colleague, Mr. John Brademas.

Throughout the 22 years Mr. Brademas' devoted to representing Indiana's Third District in the United States Congress, his demonstrated commitment to improving our country's education system was extremely significant. As former House Majority Whip and a former member of the Committee on Education and Labor, Mr. Brademas led the efforts to enact much of the legislation regarding education produced during his tenure in Congress. The State of Indiana is quite proud to have been represented by a man of such distinction and intellect.

After his Congressional service, Mr. Brademas led New York University as its president from 1981 to 1992 and was appointed by President Clinton to chair the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities in 1994.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this measure that will honor a very accomplished former Member and will make tangible our appreciation for his tireless commitment to serving the public.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that we have had this matter before us today for consideration. Certainly again I commend the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER) for giving us the opportunity to pay tribute to such an outstanding American.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, briefly and in closing, let me add my words to that of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and thanks to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER), and, as the gentleman so graciously noted too, his colleagues within the Indiana delegation, for providing us with this opportunity.

As we have certainly heard here today, this nominee, I think, demonstrates the kind of achievement, the kind of devotion and dedication that should make all of us very proud for this moment and this opportunity to extend to him a very deserving recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud as well of the initiative and the efforts of all of the Members of this body to take ourselves into sometimes uncharted water. However, I would note on occasion it is worthy and I think comforting to note that we follow others.

I think it is significant as sort of a capstone to the very gracious things rightfully said about Mr. Brademas, that over the course of his very distinguished career and lifetime he has been awarded 50 honorary degrees by distinguished colleges and universities such as the University of Athens; Brandeis; the City College of New York; my father's alma mater, Colgate; the University of Cyprus; Fordham University; the University of Southern California; Indiana University; Notre Dame; and just on and on and on. So we follow perhaps rather well-trod, but I think very, very fine ground here today. I would urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for H.R. 2938, which will designate a post office in South Bend, Indiana, as the John Brademas Post Office.

I had the honor of serving with John Brademas from 1965 through 1976. We served together on the Education and Labor Committee, and I remember well his leadership in developing legislation to improve education, to provide services for the elderly and handicapped, to support libraries, museums, the arts, and humanities, and to help develop early childhood education.

Dr. Brademas was a major sponsor of the Higher Education Acts of 1972 and 1976, which greatly expanded college opportunities by strengthening student financial aid. He was the chief House sponsor of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, the Humanities and Cultural Affairs Act, the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Act; the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Act; and the Museum Services Act, which created the Institute of Museum Services. The impact of his vision and leadership in education, culture and the arts, and seniors issues is evidenced by the centrality of these programs in the work of the Education Committee a quarter century after he left the Congress.

John Brademas served as chair of the Education Subcommittee which heard countless witnesses on the subject of comprehensive early childhood education. This was an area of my greatest personal interest and priority. In fact, Congress passed such a bill in 1972, which was vetoed by President Nixon. Since that time, Congress has failed to legislate in this critical area.

I also remember John as a valued mentor and friend. His integrity, his dedication to providing America's children and young people with the best possible educational opportunities, and his concern for the most vulnerable members of our society—children, the disabled, the elderly—were deeply inspiring to me.

After leaving Congress, Dr. John Brademas further distinguished himself as president of New York University from 1981 to 1992. Under his leadership, New York University went from being a regional commuter school to a national and international residential re-

search university. Dr. Brademas is currently president emeritus of NYU, chair of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, co-chair of the Center on Science, Technology and Congress, and board member of Americans for the Arts, Kos Pharmaceuticals, Loews Corporation, Oxford University Press-USA, and Scholastic, Inc. He is also chair of the Board of the National Endowment for Democracy and serves on the Consultants' Panel to the Comptroller General of the United States.

The people of the Third District of Indiana can be justly proud of this great man whose legacy deserves to be memorialized in the designation of The John Brademas Post Office.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). 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. 2938.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 4601, by the yeas and nays; and H.R. 3859, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

DEBT REDUCTION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4601, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARCHER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4601, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 419, nays 5, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 296]

YEAS—419

Abercrombie	Baca	Barcia
Ackerman	Bachus	Barr
Aderholt	Baird	Barrett (NE)
Allen	Baker	Barrett (WI)
Andrews	Baldacci	Bartlett
Archer	Baldwin	Barton
Armey	Ballenger	Bass