

mind, and the requirements for self-sufficiency.

We did this when we acquired the Presidio and created the national park there after the Army left, in San Francisco. We did that because we recognized that this was one of the unique natural assets in our Nation.

Today we do the same thing with the Baca Ranch. It is not like we discovered this ranch yesterday. It is not like people just all of a sudden realized this was of value. People have recognized this as a value, a natural asset in this country, for many, many years. We now have the opportunity, through the cooperation of the family, to make this a part of our Federal land base, a land base that is envied around the world; a land base that, as many will find with the Baca Ranch, in many ways become economic generators to communities because tourists want to see these protected lands, whether it is the headwaters of the rivers or whether it is the great valleys of this ranch or the wildlife.

Fortunately, this Nation, this Congress, and Presidents of both parties have continued to acquire these lands. It is not to acquire them willy-nilly, it is to acquire them based upon a set of values and a set of assets that are unique, that are important to the history and the heritage of this country.

Clearly the Baca Ranch qualifies in every category, however we measure it. But if we thought about it in very narrow terms, we probably never would have done Yosemite, we never would have created the Tetons, Yellowstone, Arches, the Gateways, any of these great national parks and wilderness areas and Federal preserves in this country. This is to protect it for future generations.

That is what we have done best in this country. That is why other governments send people here to look at this and to see how they can manage lands and open them up for recreation, how we can have the public participate in the utilization of these lands, and at the same time protect them for future generations.

I would hope that this House would give overwhelming support for this legislation. This is truly one of the gifts we give this Nation to be enjoyed by future generations, to preserve and protect the uniqueness of this ranch which was fortunately held in one ownership for so many years, and cared for in the manner in which it was cared for.

The House ought to recognize that and support this legislation, and thank our two colleagues from New Mexico for getting this matter before the House of Representatives, and thank the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) for his stewardship of this legislation through the Committee on Resources.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to thank a few people that have been involved in

this. Clearly, the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) has shown leadership in getting this through the House.

The gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN), I want to thank him for his stewardship and his ability to pull it together and move this thing along. People have been waiting a long time in New Mexico, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the gentleman for working very hard on this bill.

I know the gentleman worked very closely with the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) to get this to the floor, and I want to thank the gentleman from California for his excellent leadership in negotiating this bill through the rocky shoals of the House.

I also want to thank the New Mexico delegation, Senator DOMENICI, Senator BINGAMAN, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SKEEN), who earlier chaired that appropriations bill through and who has been a really fine Member from New Mexico. The entire delegation pulled together on this issue to try to see that it got done, and today we are getting very, very close.

Also, I would like to thank the Members of the Committee staff who have worked with me and the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER): Rick Healy, John Lawrence, David Watkins, and all the others who have worked with us.

I think this is a great example of bipartisanship. It is the House at its best, and I am very proud to be part of this effort.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to thank the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) for the fine job they have done on this legislation.

I had the opportunity of going to the Baca Ranch a couple of years ago with the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. REGULA). It is one of the more beautiful places on Earth. It is one of the most outstanding places to see.

I would hope that many Americans could now take advantage of seeing this ground that has previously been closed for a number of years. It is a lot of money, I realize, but I really think this would be a great addition to the West.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1892.

The question was taken.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add extraneous matter on S. 1892.

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

There was no objection.

J.L. DAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4658) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Green Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, as the "J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4658

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

SECTION 1. J.L. DAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Green Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building".

(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 "J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) 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 think I can speak for all the Members of the Subcommittee on Postal Service and certainly the Members of the Committee on Government Reform when I say we have a great deal of pride in the bipartisan way in which we have brought up a very sizeable number of these kinds of proposals, enactments that seek to designate various postal facilities across the Nation in remembrance and commemoration of the deeds of individuals from the widest possible range of undertaking and service in our country.

Today certainly is no exception to that. We have before us four pieces of legislation. This first, of course, is H.R. 4658, which has been introduced by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) back on June 14 of this year. I want to commend the gentleman from

North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) for his efforts and initiative in working with the entire delegation from the great State of North Carolina in getting them to cosponsor this legislation in a unanimous effort.

As the Clerk has designated, this bill would name the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Green Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, as the J.L. Dawkins Post Office building.

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), the primary sponsor of the bill, is with us today, and I know will wish to make some remarks in a more extensive nature as to the contributions of Mr. Dawkins, but I can tell Members from having the opportunity to review his resume and his background, as we routinely do on these initiatives, that he indeed fits the prescription that we have with respect to only honoring those individuals who have acted in very extraordinary ways to serve their communities.

Mr. Dawkins, as I said, is a fine example of that, beginning in his high school days, where he was an active football and basketball star, and ultimately found what later became a lifetime calling in politics when he was elected to his senior class as president.

He then went on to Wake Forest University, where he attended for 2 years, and then returned to his hometown of Fayetteville.

Mr. Dawkins' father was a State representative at that time. He passed away when his son was but 15 years old, but it is clear in looking at J.L. Dawkins' achievements that his father made an indelible impression upon him, because this fine gentleman entered public service and he set his sights on becoming mayor of his hometown in Fayetteville.

Indeed, he began by serving on the city council there for some 6 terms before being elected mayor in 1987. The test of any politician, of course, is the ability to return, not so much because of what it may mean politically, but rather because of the very clear signal it sends as to that individual's abilities and dedication in serving his or her constituents.

Mr. Dawkins' reelection six times as mayor I think speaks volumes as to his skills, as to his willingness to contribute. In fact, he never lost an election, even at a time when he was being treated for cancer and undergoing at that time very experimental and aggressive forms of chemotherapy for more than a year. His constituents knew that under even the most adverse of circumstances, Mr. Dawkins was the man that they wanted to continue representing them.

He was known for his friendly and gracious ways, and eventually earned the unofficial but I think important title as Fayetteville's "mayor for life." As I said, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) has acted in a very fitting way to extend this tribute

to Mayor Dawkins as a reminder to, we hope, his family, but certainly to the citizens of Fayetteville of the great contributions and sacrifices that he made.

This is a very worthy piece of legislation, and I would urge all of our colleagues to support it.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), with my personal thanks and the thanks of the subcommittee for his efforts on this legislation.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE), who has been a tireless worker in his efforts to honor a remarkable man. A number of people, men and women alike, have been honored in the well of the people's House, but I think there is no one any more appropriately deserving recognition than the man about whom we speak today.

The man whom we honor today, J.L. Dawkins, was born on Thanksgiving Day in 1935 to Johnnie Lee and Lucille Dawkins of Vandemere. He graduated from Fayetteville High School in 1953. He was a star on the football and basketball teams, and the unanimous choice for senior class president.

Mayor Dawkins' devotion and commitment to service for all citizens of Fayetteville is demonstrated by his quarter century of humble and dedicated public service.

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His intense love for people and for his city motivated him to strive for quality development enhancement and beautification of his beloved community.

We had the joy and privilege of his public service for 25 years, 12 on the city council and mayor since 1987. He was elected to the city council in 1975 and never lost an election.

After serving six terms on the city council, Mr. Dawkins set his sights on an office that he always aspired to hold, the mayor. He won his first mayoral election in 1987 and was elected a record six times.

Mr. Dawkins was affectionately and appropriately dubbed Fayetteville's "mayor for life." The passion of J.L. Dawkins for his city is evident in his untiring efforts to make Fayetteville a better place for all.

The mayor was known for his warm, friendly and gracious manner. He was known as a devoted husband and father and as someone who deeply loved his hometown of Fayetteville.

I would also like to offer my sincere thanks and best wishes to J.L.'s part-

ner and wife of 42 years, Mary Anne Dawkins, and their two children, Johnny Lee Dawkins and Dawn Dawkins.

The designation of a post office is just a small but one appropriate way to honor J.L. for his tireless efforts as a public servant. He brought honor to our form of government. He also is a man to whom we can look with respect and honor as a role model for the type of leadership that spoke volumes of him, his family, his city, his State, and his country.

There are many people who pass through this life, some come and go, but others leave footprints on the hearts of those around them. J.L. Dawkins left footprints on the hearts of his community, of his State, and all of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. Speaker, I recommend strong support for this resolution honoring mayor J.L. Dawkins.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE) who serves on the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Armed Services and has been the person on our side of the aisle most responsible for this legislation.

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the chairman, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), for the help of their committee and for allowing us to bring this to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4658, which is legislation to rename the U.S. post office building in Fayetteville, North Carolina as the J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building.

I would like to thank my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), for all of the untiring efforts the gentleman has given and in helping us put this together to bring it to the floor today. I want to thank all the Members, both Republican and Democrat, from our delegation in North Carolina for their support in this manner as well.

Born in 1935, J.L. Dawkins moved to Fayetteville 2 years later and lived there until his untimely death last month. In 1957, J.L. entered public service winning the first of six terms on the city council. He was elected mayor in 1987. J.L. served seven consecutive terms and became affectionately known as "mayor for life" in the City of Fayetteville.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Dawkins earned this distinction because his public service was exemplified by three attributes that I think we all would do well to follow, inspiration and imagination and innovation.

J.L.'s decision to serve first of all was inspired by his firm belief in doing his best to make life better for others. His was an inspiration that was contagious to those who served with him and those who benefitted from his tireless leadership.

Second, Mayor Dawkins' imagination propelled him to convey an attitude of home and optimism for a better Fayetteville. His was an imagination which led to growth and prosperity for this wonderful city.

Third, Mayor Dawkins' innovation to build a city for all the people will be his lasting legacy. His was an innovative attitude that those of us in public service should all aspire to emulate. Truly he was a man of inspiration, of imagination, and of innovation.

If we all will recall for a moment. During the writing of the U.S. Constitution, Benjamin Franklin looked at the back of the chair in which George Washington had been sitting and sought to determine if that half sun painted on the back of the chair was a rising or a setting sun. And, indeed, he stood up, of course, and in his famous remarks said that, sir, at long last he had arrived at the conclusion that it was indeed a rising sun for our Nation whose rays of influence now literally touch every corner of the world.

Mr. Speaker, much like Ben Franklin, Mayor Dawkins was full of optimism and always could see a rising sun on the City of Fayetteville and the nearby Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base that so many of us are proud of, and as a member of the Committee on Armed Services and as the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) is, we are proud to represent this area of Cumberland County.

Mr. Dawkins was always looking to expand the vision and the horizons for Fayetteville, and may God grant that all of us will be inspired by his inspiration and imagination and innovation that Mayor Dawkins brought to his job every day.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4658 and honor the life, the service and the legacy of this fine Christian gentleman, this distinguished public servant, a true giant of a man, a leader among leaders, J.L. Dawkins.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a final thanks to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE) who we have heard from today and thank them for their cosponsorship.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). 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. 4658.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4658.

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

There was no objection.

BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4169) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4169

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

SECTION 1. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building".

(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 "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) 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, as we just heard in the bill previous to H.R. 4169, we had the opportunity to recognize the contributions of a gentleman who focused his very considerable talents and dedicated his many, many contributions to the great community of Fayetteville.

Mr. Speaker, on this piece of legislation, we have an opportunity to single out an individual who served in a somewhat broader arena, who also contributed and sacrificed. I want to thank the gentleman from the great State of Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS), my friend and colleague, for his sponsorship of this bill that seeks to honor the former Member of this House, Barbara Vucanovich by naming the facility located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada as the Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building.

As with the previous initiative, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) has struck out and had each Member of the State delegation of Nevada become cosponsors of this, and by struck out, of course, I meant to seek out and to successfully achieve that objective.

Mrs. Vucanovich's achievements are well-known to many of us in this House. Those of us from New York

have some perhaps additional reasons for pride, because, indeed, she grew up, spent many of her formative years in our great State capitol, in Albany, but clearly to many of us, her finest hours were upon this floor and in our committee rooms where she served from 1983 until 1997.

Mr. Speaker, her achievements, her dedication, particularly to Nevadans is well-known. She spent a great deal of effort trying to work on issues involving such issues as Federal wilderness, national park policy, public land use and nuclear waste disposal, to name just a few. Her retirement left this House somewhat poorer in that we no longer had her here as an everyday presence to help this great body in its deliberations. But clearly we can this afternoon, and I would hope we would, in fact, honor those contributions that she so selflessly extended through her service on the Committees of Interior and Insular Affairs, the Committee on House Administration and certainly amongst the more important efforts as chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction.

It is always a special moment when we can extend this kind of honor to a former colleague. I, again, want to thank the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) for his efforts and certainly urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4169 and would join in the remarks made by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH). This is an appropriate honor for a former colleague.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I mentioned the gentleman who did so much good work on this legislation. We are pleased that the gentleman is able to be with us here at this moment, and I happily yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, first, I would like to thank my colleagues and friends, both the chairman of the Subcommittee on Postal Service, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) for their hard work on, and continued dedication in bringing this important bill to the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Mr. Speaker, on April 4, I introduced H.R. 4169 to designate the post office located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada as the Barbara G. Vucanovich Post Office Building.

As the current congressman, Mr. Speaker, representing the Second Congressional District of Nevada, I have the distinct honor and, may I say, great challenge of following Barbara Vucanovich in Congress.

Mrs. Vucanovich retired from Congress after serving 14 years as the representative of one of the most diverse