

At the same time the legislation will provide the City of Kewaunee with a suitable municipal building which it otherwise would be unable to afford. It is important to note that not only does this legislation bypass normal committee procedures, it is considered "special legislation" because it is not being considered under the normal Federal property disposal procedures. Under normal Federal property disposal procedures, a transfer of this kind would not be currently permitted.

We are pleased to join today in accommodating the interest which has been shared with our committee by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GREEN) to enable the City of Kewaunee to have this building which is no longer needed by the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that even though this building does not fit within any of the traditional exceptions for transfer, that the circumstances of this case will speak for themselves and that Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle will join with us in supporting the passage of this legislation.

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GREEN), the bill sponsor, a strong fighter for the citizens of Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I thank the committee staff and the staff of the gentleman from Virginia and, in particular, the minority staff. As the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) alluded to, the extra help and assistance and cooperation they gave us, we appreciate very much.

Mr. Speaker, Kewaunee is a small city of about 3,000 people located on the shores of Lake Michigan. It is filled with good people with big dreams. Kewaunee also faces, like a number of small cities, a number of financial challenges. For several years, Kewaunee has been without the financial resources to sufficiently house basic municipal services in its city hall and police station and fire station.

Mr. Speaker, when the U.S. Army abandoned its reserve center in 1996, it created the opportunity for meeting those challenges. Since 1996, the Kewaunee Reserve Center has worked through the GSA disposal process. It was declared excess in 1998; and since then, there has been no expression of interest by any Federal agency. Currently, only the City of Kewaunee has any interest in this property.

Right now the setup for municipal services in the City of Kewaunee is, to put it kindly, less than ideal. The city hall is in the old bank building with no parking or office space. The council shares office space with the business office. The police department is in the water treatment plant. The senior citizens center is on the second floor of the fire station, and the ambulance service is in the public works garage. Obviously, this is not ideal.

Mr. Speaker, people in America, especially from small towns, want government to work for them. They are looking for common sense and partnerships. This is not a big deal to the Federal Government. This building is vacant, and it will need lots of work to bring it up to suitable standards. However, it is a big deal to the City of Kewaunee. It opens new doors to the future, and allows them to reach out and capture some of those good opportunities and big dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the minority staff for all of their assistance in this special situation.

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 788, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

STAN PARRIS POST OFFICE BUILDING DESIGNATION ACT

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1766) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4270 John Marr Drive in Annandale, Virginia, as the "Stan Parris Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1766

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

SECTION 1. STAN PARRIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4270 John Marr Drive in Annandale, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Stan Parris 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 Stan Parris Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. 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. 1766.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1766 sponsored by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) would rename the Post Office at 4270 John Marr Drive in Annandale, Virginia, to honor Stan Parris, a distinguished and dedicated Republican representative from Northern Virginia.

Stan's career in public service began as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors representing the Mason district. He later served the people of Virginia as Secretary of the Commonwealth and Director of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Washington Liaison Office.

Stan went on to represent the Eighth Congressional District of Virginia from 1973 to 1975, and more recently from 1981 to 1991. While in Congress he was a member of the Committee on Banking, the Committee on the Interior and Insular Affairs, and the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

As the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, Stan was a vocal critic of D.C. Government policies in the 1980s and recognized the early signs of the City's financial and organizational mismanagement, which eventually escalated to crisis level by the mid-1990s. Additionally, he was among the first congressional Members calling for the closure of Lorton Prison, a process that finally began as part of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1977. Stan was ahead of his time.

While serving in Congress, Stan successfully pursued measures to alleviate traffic congestion in Northern Virginia. A strong advocate for the residents of Virginia's Eighth Congressional District, he worked tirelessly on behalf of Federal employees and military retirees to help them obtain better salaries and benefits.

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After leaving Congress, Stan was appointed by the President to serve as the administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, and since 1996 he has worked with the law firm of Dickstein, Shapiro, Moore and Oshinsky, LLP. He now resides in Hudgins, Virginia.

I urge all my colleagues to join in supporting this legislation honoring Stan Parris.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join with my friend and colleague (Chairman DAVIS) in supporting H.R. 1766, legislation sponsored by our friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF).

This legislation honors a distinguished former member of this House, Stan Parris, by naming the post office in Annandale, Virginia, after him.

Mr. Parris is a gentleman that I did not have the pleasure of knowing. He left the Congress in 1991, long before I arrived; but I understand from reading his background that he was an outstanding Member of this body, a distinguished American; and certainly I commend my friend, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), for seeking to honor such a distinguished man and former Member of this Congress.

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), the bill's sponsor, the inspiration for this legislation and a gentleman who served with Mr. Parris in the House for many years.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, let me just thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS), too, for his efforts to bring this up and the other side of the aisle for their help and the gentleman from Virginia's (Mr. TOM DAVIS) help on passing the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleagues on the Committee on Government Reform in bringing this legislation to the floor to designate a U.S. postal building in Annandale, Virginia, to honor Congressman Stan Parris, who served Virginia's 8th Congressional District for six terms.

It is the privilege as the Representative of the 10th Congressional District to be a sponsor of this bill.

Born in Champaign, Illinois, September 4, 1929, Stan Parris was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1972. After serving one term and losing in that very tough 1974, what they called the "Watergate Year," he returned to capture a seat in 1980.

Congressman Parris went on to win five consecutive elections, serving from 1981 to 1991.

As an aside, during that period of time we would sit back over here many times and chat and talk when issues would come up; and I would say, Stan, and we would say just back and forth, and I can almost see Stan kind of standing back there and thinking of all the conversations that we would have about issues coming up before the Congress.

Stan had a very distinguished career in serving this country, both as an elected official and as a veteran. Assisting the people he represented was the cornerstone of his service in Congress.

Congressman Parris consistently helped Federal employees and military retirees, both largely represented in Virginia's 8th district. He involved himself early and often in transportation issues, an area of considerable importance to the citizens of northern Virginia.

Congressman Parris was a vigilant defender of the taxpayer and spoke out against instances of fraud and abuse, and according to the Almanac of American Politics 1990, it said Parris was

one of the earlier voices in Congress to warn of an impending crisis in the savings and loan industry, speaking out in the fall of 1985. If only the Congress had listened to Stan Parris.

He graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1958, and if my memory serves me he worked on a copy machine down in the basement of this capitol when he was working his way through law school. Winning an award for outstanding law student of the year, Congressman Parris went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force as a jet pilot during the Korean war.

He distinguished himself in combat in Korea, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross, the air medal with cluster, the Purple Heart and the U.S. and Korean Presidential Citation.

It was once told to me, if you want to understand Stan Parris, read the book "Right Stuff" because Parris was being considered to be an astronaut, was a jet fighter and in many respects a war hero; and if you listen to what actually happened to him, which I will not go into, I think the body would be very impressed.

After starting out in the private sector, Congressman Parris won his first elected office in 1963 as the only Republican member of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors. He then, as the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) said, was Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1969, Congressman Parris went on to serve as a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly for 4 years, serving as chairman for the joint House-Senate Republican caucus.

Congressman Parris went on to win the seat for northern Virginia's 8th Congressional District in 1972 in a very close election.

In 1980 Congressman Parris won a spirited and close election, regaining his seat by under 1,100 votes.

I see the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) across the aisle, who is ready to follow and introduce a bill to name, appropriately so, a post office down in Mount Vernon for Herb Harris.

To have the Herb Harris Post Office along with Stan Parris is very fitting because they both ably were fighters for what they believed in. They were advocates for their cause and I think really served this region very, very well.

After winning five consecutive terms, Stan Parris lost his bid for reelection in 1992, but his work and public service continued. President Bush asked him to be president of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, where he used to come before my appropriation committee, and may have been the best head of the Saint Lawrence Seaway that we have had in the history of the country.

He was responsible for overseeing the Federal agency charged with operating, managing and promoting maritime activity for the entire Great Lakes region of the Nation.

Stan Parris has dedicated most of his life to serving his country in both a

public and military capacity. His commitment and his devotion to public service is deserving of recognition and it is appropriate that the postal building of 4270 John Marr Drive in Annandale, Virginia, be renamed in his honor.

I urge our colleagues to join us in supporting this legislation to honor this former Member for his dedicated service and just want to wish Stan the very, very best and his wife, Marty, and his entire family and on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth and the entire Congress, thank Stan and thank his family, because you know how part of the whole process the family can be, for his service to the country as a war hero and as a Member of this Congress.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN), who succeeded Mr. Parris here in the House.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS), in whose district the Stan Parris Post Office will be located.

This is a very nice post office, and it is appropriate that it be named after Stan Parris; and I want to commend my other good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF). It was really his idea that we name both these offices in tandem after Stan Parris and Herb Harris in true bipartisan tradition.

This one that we are speaking specifically about is that for Stan Parris, and the reason why Stan certainly deserves a post office being named after him is that he devoted his life to public service.

He was a fighter pilot during the Korean war. I am sure that that has been mentioned. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster, the Air Medal with clusters, Purple Heart and the U.S. and Korean Presidential Citations. So he really was a war hero.

After the war, he continued his commitment to public service. He was on the Fairfax Board of County Supervisors. The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) chaired that board and he knows what difficult, thankless work that can be.

He was supervisor in a particularly important transitional time in local government in Fairfax County, and he also served as a delegate in the General Assembly in Richmond for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The reason why this Congress should recognize him is his service for 12 years in the United States House of Representatives. He was on the Committee on District of Columbia; Committee on Government Operations; the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committees. He was chair of the Subcommittee on Fiscal Affairs and Health, Government Operations and Metropolitan Affairs where he promoted fiscal responsibility.

I am very pleased that the three of us can recognize him, the gentleman from

Virginia (Mr. WOLF), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS), and I, and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER); and we speak for the entire Congress.

You have done a great job, Stan, and this is a very appropriate, fitting tribute to you to name this post office after you.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1766.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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.

HERB E. HARRIS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1761) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8588 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Herb E. Harris Post Office Building", as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1761

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

SECTION 1. HERB HARRIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8588 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Herb Harris 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 Herb Harris Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to stand before you today to speak on behalf of H.R. 1761, designing the United States Post Office located at 8588 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Virginia, as the Herb Harris Post Office Building.

Herb Harris, again, came from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors where he cut his teeth politically. He had a very distinguished career there. He was elected in 1975 to the 94th Congress and two succeeding Congresses representing what was then Virginia's Eighth Congressional District. He was the first freshman Congressman in 25 years to serve as chairman of the House District of Columbia Subcommittee on the Environment Bicentennial Celebration and International Community as well.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Herb served as vice chairman of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Transit Authority from 1970 to 1974 as a member of the County Board of Supervisors from Fairfax at that point representing the Mount Vernon District. He had been vice chairman of the County Board of Supervisors in Fairfax County as well, was a very distinguished leader there both in Fairfax and regionally. He was the instrumental figure in securing the needed funding for construction of Metro. We think of Stark-Harris funds and the legislation that came out of that landmark legislation. The Metro system as it exists today would not be there but for Herb Harris. He was a leader in getting money for that area and allocating it, bringing the region together to address the problems with building this mighty system.

After leaving Congress in January 1981, Herb resumed the practice of law with the firm of Harris Ellsworth & Levin in Washington, D.C. He still resides in Mount Vernon, Virginia, today.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to thank Herb for his service to Fairfax County, the Washington metropolitan region, and to this country. I would urge adoption of this bill.

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I thank again my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS), and my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF). This is a neat opportunity to recognize two very distinguished individuals.

This bill would name a post office after my good friend, Congressman Herb Harris. It will be at 8588 Richmond Highway, which is Route 1. It is a brand new post office in an area that desperately needs a post office and needs economic redevelopment, and this will provide it to that area. It is more than appropriate that we honor

Herb Harris, who represented the Mount Vernon District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, became vice chair, as the gentleman from Virginia has said, and he still lives in Mount Vernon. He is still very much involved in what goes on in that community.

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He did more things for that community and for Fairfax County, and, in many ways, for the Nation, than we will ever know.

He began his public service in 1968. He was instrumental in getting funding for a new hospital and expanding the libraries in the Mount Vernon area and in Fairfax County. He spent a lot of time on thankless tasks, like limiting utility costs and tax rates.

He was first elected in 1975 to the Congress after serving as vice chair of the Metropolitan Washington Transit Authority, and he used that experience on the Metro board to continually push for expansion of the Metro system. He got the legislation through that approved \$1.9 billion in final construction funds for the full 101-mile Metro design.

Metro is critical to the entire Metropolitan Washington area. In the early days, it was a very controversial, very political issue, to bring Metro out to the suburbs and to pay the costs. You had to have a vision, and Herb had that vision.

He also promoted the rights of Federal employees. He was fiscally responsible, and he emphasized the need for future planning in terms of transportation needs. In so many areas, we find today that he was even more correct than we understood at the time in terms of meeting those transportation needs.

It was the first time in 25 years that a freshman Member of Congress was selected to serve as chairman of a subcommittee when Herb was designated as the chair of the Subcommittee on the Environment, Bicentennial Celebration and International Community in Washington.

It is with great gratitude that I thank Herb on behalf of the Members of this body, all the Members of this body, and really of the country, for his tireless efforts to improve the lives of Virginia's and America's residents. He was a forward-looking individual that was a lot of fun to work with, and he was tireless in his devotion to public service. That is why it is most appropriate that we designate the Post Office at 8588 Richmond Highway as the Herb E. Harris Post Office Building.

We have Congressman Harris with us. Herb, thank you for all you did. You are so deserving of this honor.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I just have a question for the gentleman from Virginia (Mr.