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A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PHILIP E. RUPPE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1374) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Calumet Street in Lake Linden, Michigan, as the "Philip E. Ruppe Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1374

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

SECTION 1. PHILIP E. RUPPE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Calumet Street in Lake Linden, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Philip E. Ruppe 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 Philip E. Ruppe Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 1374, introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK), designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Calumet Street in Lake Linden, Michigan, as the Philip E. Ruppe Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, Philip Ruppe was first elected to the United States House of Representatives from Michigan's Upper Peninsula in 1966 and served with distinction until 1979. Prior to his congressional service, Mr. Ruppe served in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

Mr. Ruppe, with his long family history in Michigan, has contributed to his community as an active civic leader and respected businessman. He brought this leadership and concern from northern Michigan to the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee where he served as the ranking member.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of H.R. 1374.

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 Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join with my colleague, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) in consideration of H.R. 1374, legislation naming a postal facility after former Congressman Philip E. Ruppe. H.R. 1374 was introduced by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) on April 3, 2001. This bill enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the entire Michigan delegation.

Mr. Ruppe represented northern Michigan from 1967 until 1979. During his tenure in Congress, Mr. Ruppe served on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries and Interior and Insular Affairs Committees, always dedicated to improving the quality of life for his constituents back home.

An active member of his community and noted businessman, he will long be remembered for his service to this House as well as service to the people of northern Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK), the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. STUPAK. I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to offer H.R. 1374, to designate the United States Post Office in Lake Linden, Michigan, as the Philip E. Ruppe Post Office Building.

Mr. Ruppe, as has been noted, became a Member of the United States House of Representatives on January 3, 1967, and served until January 3, 1979. Phil Ruppe was born in Laurium, Michigan, on September 29, 1926, where his family has lived since the 1870s.

Mr. Ruppe married the former Loret Miller and she went on to serve as director of the Peace Corps and Ambassador to Norway. Phil and Loret taught their daughters the intrinsic value of public service. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, Loret Ruppe passed away in 1996.

Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Phil Ruppe was a community leader and businessman in the Keewauwan Peninsula located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Besides serving this country as a legislator, Phil Ruppe served his country as a lieutenant in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict.

While in Congress, Mr. Ruppe was devoted to the concerns of the people of northern Michigan and was a member, as has been noted, of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. One of his legislative achievements included establishing the Father Marquette National Memorial near St. Ignace, Michigan. Mr. Ruppe was devoted to constituent and economic de-

velopment in northern Michigan. He was actually the first Congressman representing this northern Michigan district to have district offices, demonstrating his focus on local concerns. Mr. Ruppe was well respected by all Members of Congress.

Before Mr. Ruppe retired, former Member Sonny Montgomery best summarized Phil Ruppe when he said, and I quote, "I have always been impressed with Phil's intense interest and dedication to his legislative committees. He has never failed to be an effective member and contribute to the deliberation of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee."

Mr. Speaker, a fitting tribute to Phil Ruppe's service to northern Michigan would be naming the Lake Linden Post Office after Phil Ruppe. I would like to thank the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) and the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) for moving this legislation. I would like to thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and also the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) for moving forth the legislation on the floor.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. ROSS).

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1374, to designate a post office in Lake Linden, Michigan, as the Philip E. Ruppe Post Office Building. I am always satisfied when we honor a former colleague.

However, we should also be working to protect the Social Security trust fund from being raided. As we debate H.R. 1374, a good bill that will benefit hundreds or maybe thousands of Americans, we should also think about the millions of Americans who currently survive only on a Social Security income, like my 91-year-old grandmother back home in Prescott, Arkansas, who lives from Social Security check to Social Security check. Do they not deserve to live their latter years with dignity?

If we continue to pass fiscally irresponsible legislation that raids the Social Security trust fund, when will it be before their benefits are cut? Sometime between 2011 and 2016, we are going to have more people earning Social Security benefits than paying into the Social Security system. Everyone agrees that by 2041, Social Security as we know it today is broke.

My grandparents left an America a little bit better than they found for my parents. And my parents left us a little bit better country than they found for us. I think we owe it to our children and our grandchildren to ensure that we live the kind of life and make the kind of decisions, the kind of responsible decisions, sometimes difficult as they may be, but we must do those

things to ensure that we leave this country just a little bit better off than we found it for our kids and our grandkids.

What about the millions of baby boomers who will soon retire? Again, between 2011 and 2016 we will have more people earning Social Security benefits than those paying into the system. By 2041, Social Security as we know it today is broke. And guess what? That is assuming that the trillion dollars plus that has been borrowed from the Social Security system, with no provision on how it ever gets paid back, is paid back by 2041.

It is time that we stop raiding the Social Security trust fund. That is why the first bill I filed as a Member of Congress was a bill to tell the politicians in Washington to keep their hands off the Social Security and Medicare trust fund.

I hope that when those retirees who go to the Philip E. Ruppe Post Office expecting to pick up a Social Security check in a few years, I hope they are not left with an empty promise. I hope they have a Social Security check in their post office building just as our seniors do today, a check that many of them live on from paycheck to paycheck.

Let us pass this bill, but let us quit raiding the Social Security trust fund.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS), the dean of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the ranking member, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) would allow me some time, because I knew Phil Ruppe and worked with him. He was a real gentleman, a collegial Member of Congress. We worked on many projects together. I also wanted to raise the memory of his wife, Loret Ruppe, who was a former head of the Peace Corps and an Ambassador to Norway as well. I do not think it has ever been done before, but if ever there was a case for naming this Federal facility after both a husband and wife, this would be it. Unfortunately, she is deceased but those of us who remember this great couple from Michigan will remember and think very highly of the very appropriate memorialization of a building in their honor.

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

Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to thank the gentleman from Michigan for his fond memories of Mr. Ruppe and the fact that we are naming this postal facility for him.

People often wonder why it is that you are naming Federal buildings and why you are naming post offices and how important is this. Well, it is important because people who have made America, who have made America strong, ought to in fact be remembered.

One of the things that has made America strong is the fact that we have always been able to rely upon some assistance in our old age. We have always known, after we passed the legislation, that when it came to a certain period of time, you could look forward to having some help, you could know that you had a Social Security check coming. You could just rely upon it and know that it was there.

I would hope that as we name these post offices in memory of Americans who have made great contributions, that we also keep in mind that we need to keep the tradition of Social Security being available alive, well and healthy.

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

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this worthy measure honoring one of our former colleagues.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1374.

The question was taken.

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

Mrs. JO ANN 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.

EXTENDING BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO LIONEL HAMPTON

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 101) extending birthday greetings and best wishes to Lionel Hampton on the occasion of his 94th birthday.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. CON. RES. 101

Whereas Lionel Hampton is regarded internationally as one of the greatest jazz musicians of all time and has shared his talents with the world for more than eight decades;

Whereas Lionel Hampton has consistently exemplified acceptance, tolerance, and the celebration of racial and cultural diversity, by being one of the first black musicians to perform in venues and events previously open only to white performers, including performances with the Benny Goodman Quartet from 1936-1940, and as the first black musician to perform for a presidential inauguration, that of Harry S. Truman in 1949;

Whereas Lionel Hampton has furthered the cause of cultural understanding and international communication, receiving a Papal Medallion from Pope Pius XII, the Israel

Statehood Award, serving as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United States, and receiving the Honor Cross for Science and the Arts, First Class, one of Austria's highest decorations;

Whereas Lionel Hampton is one of the most recorded artists in the history of jazz;

Whereas Lionel Hampton has opened doors for aspiring musicians throughout the world, many of whom have established themselves as giants in the world of jazz, including Cat Anderson, Terrance Blanchard, Clifford Brown, Conte Candoli, Pete Candoli, Betty Carter, Ray Charles, Nat "King" Cole, Bing Crosby, Art Farmer, Carl Fontana, Aretha Franklin, Benny Golson, Al Grey, Slide Hampton, Joe Henderson, Quincy Jones, Bradford Marsalis, Wes Montgomery, James Moody, Fats Navarro, Joe Newman, Nicholas Payton, Benny Powell, Buddy Tate, Clark Terry, Stanley Turrentine, Dinah Washington, and Joe Williams, among others;

Whereas Lionel Hampton has worked to perpetuate the art form of jazz by offering his talent, inspiration, and production acumen to the University of Idaho since 1983, and in 1985, when the University of Idaho named its school of music after him, Lionel Hampton became the first jazz musician to have both a music school and a jazz festival named in his honor;

Whereas Lionel Hampton has received many national accolades, awards, and commemorations, including an American Jazz Masters Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, Kennedy Center Honors, and a National Medal of Arts;

Whereas Lionel Hampton has received numerous awards and commendations by local and State governments and has received acknowledgment from hundreds of civic and performance groups;

Whereas Lionel Hampton's legacy of inspiration, education, and excellence will be perpetuated by the development of the Lionel Hampton Center at the University of Idaho, a facility that combines the finest in performance, scholarship, and research;

Whereas Lionel Hampton has made a difference in many lives by inspiring so many who have now become jazz greats, by reinforcing the importance of education at all levels, and by showing the world a way of life where love and talent are shared without reservation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress, on behalf of the American people, extends its birthday greetings and best wishes to Lionel Hampton on the occasion of his 94th birthday.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. Con. Res. 101.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the House consider Senate Concurrent Resolution 101, a resolution introduced by my colleague, Senator LARRY CRAIG