

offer my strong support for this bill and to express my admiration for Congressman Tom Bliley and his distinguished career.

Even before his election to Congress in 1980, Congressman Bliley had already accomplished what many would consider a lifetime of service to his country. He was born just south of the James River in Westover Hills. After graduating from Georgetown University, Tom Bliley joined the Navy as an officer where he rose to the rank of lieutenant. Between 1970 and 1977 Congressman Bliley served as Mayor of Richmond. It was his steady hand and wisdom that were credited for guiding the city through some of its most turbulent times.

Many of us here in Congress came to know Congressman Bliley during his twenty years of service in the House of Representatives. Congressman Bliley retired at the end of the 106th Congress as the distinguished Chairman of the House Commerce Committee. While I did not have the honor of serving with Tom Bliley in Congress, I did have the opportunity to work closely with Congressman Bliley on many occasions during my time in the Virginia General Assembly and have always admired his demeanor and dedication to making Virginia and America a better place.

We often see in politics today elected officials that come to Washington to serve themselves rather than their constituents. We often see politicians that cannot resist the temptation to engage in destructive politics. After all, we are all human. However, during his time in Congress Tom Bliley never forgot the people who sent him to Washington and why they sent him in the first place. During every minute of his time in Congress Tom Bliley always had the respect and admiration of his colleagues. Few can make such a claim.

Madam Speaker, I hope the soon to be Tom Bliley Post Office Building will serve as bold tribute to a distinguished Virginian and a noble statesman.

Mr. SCHROCK. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today in support of H.R. 1748, which will honor our good friend, Congressman Tom Bliley. For over thirty years, Tom served the people of Richmond and the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As a Vice Mayor and Mayor of Richmond and as the Congressman representing Virginia's Third and Seventh Districts, Tom worked to bring opposing sides together on issues of contention. As Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, Chairman Bliley brought together lawmakers with very differing views to find consensus on some of the most important laws regulating telecommunications, capital markets, energy, and healthcare. At the same time, Tom stuck to his guns and remained a staunch conservative.

Tom took the helm of the Commerce Committee when we were beginning to see the first stages of the Information Age in the late 1990s. In the six years that he was chairman, the Internet grew exponentially and the telecommunications industry made many important developments. Chairman Bliley avoided knee-jerk reactions to regulate these growing industries, allowing them to grow and flourish.

In addition to serving as a powerful committee chairman, Tom was an ardent advocate for his constituents, making no apologies for working to gain federal support for important projects in his district. From the floodwall along the James River in Richmond to renovation of Main Street Station, Tom looked after his district very closely.

Perhaps Tom's most valuable achievements in Congress were in the area of adoption advocacy and legislation. The adoption tax credit legislation that he shepherded became known as the Tom Bliley Adoption Tax Credit and I am pleased that Congress was able to include expansion of the tax credit in the tax relief legislation passed last year.

Though he has retired from Congress, Tom has not ended his service to the Commonwealth of Virginia. He now sits on the Board of Visitors for the University of Virginia and Affiliated Schools, working to improve higher education quality and expand educational opportunities in Virginia.

I am pleased to be a co-sponsor of H.R. 1748, which will recognize Chairman Bliley for his service to Virginia and his country. His record of distinguished service demonstrates to us all his commitment to the values and principles of freedom and public service. The Tom Bliley Post Office Building will be a testament to his service and dedication, and I urge passage of this legislation.

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1748, a bill to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 805 Glen Burnie Road in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Tom Bliley Post Office Building."

Before his departure from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of the 106th Congress, Tom Bliley and I had served together for two decades on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. As Chairman of the Committee on Commerce during the 104th, 105th, and 106th Congresses, Tom worked to address difficult topics across the vast range of the Committee's jurisdiction.

Tom reached out in a bipartisan manner to move important legislation through the Committee, including the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997, and Digital Signatures legislation. I note that this bipartisanship on the Committee came during a time of intense partisanship in the House.

When we were adversaries, Tom remained a gentleman and a friend. I value his friendship and thank him for his.

I congratulate Tom on his two decades of worthy service to his constituents, the Committee, and the House of Representatives, and can think of no more fitting way to honor him and his fine public service than by dedicating this U.S. Post Office building in his honor.

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today and join fellow members of the Virginia delegation and other colleagues in support of H.R. 1748, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Glen Burnie Road in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Tom Bliley Post Office Building," and to pay tribute to our former Virginia colleague who retired from this House at the end of the 106th Congress.

Tom Bliley is a true Virginia gentleman who epitomizes the highest ideals of public service. He came to Congress with me in 1981. It was

an honor to serve side by side with him for 20 years. Tom was a perfect match for Virginia's 7th District which includes the city of Richmond, as this is a district replete with a tradition of true statesmen.

Tom left the Congress, having served as chairman of the Commerce Committee, a responsibility he took seriously and performed with incredible legislative skill and expertise. He showed an amazing ability to deal with such complex issues as the electric utility grid and Medicaid formulas to home medical services and drug discounts for veterans.

Tom had a diverse political career before even making his way to Capitol Hill. He was first elected to the Richmond Council as a conservative Democrat in 1968, then as mayor of Richmond from 1970-77, and eventually to the House of Representatives—this time as a Republican. His unique background enabled him to work to achieve bipartisan results while never losing sight of the issues which were important to his district and his constituents.

It is a fitting tribute that a postal facility in his hometown of Richmond will bear his name and will honor his years of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the nation.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this effort to honor my friend Tom Bliley.

Tom Bliley was first elected to this body in 1980, after a successful career as a businessman and serving on the City Council and later as Mayor of Richmond. Throughout his service in Congress, Tom Bliley was a strong advocate of fiscal responsibility, the free market and consumer choice. As Chairman of the House Commerce Committee for three terms, he steered some of the most significant legislation through Congress in recent years.

Chairman Bliley also served as the dean of the Virginia delegation and, true to this role, he was a leader to all of our Members. We all enjoyed his friendship, and great sense of humor. Tom fought hard to represent the interests of his congressional district, constantly attending to the needs in his local community. Virginia has benefitted enormously from Congressman Bliley's lifetime of public service. A master in the art of bipartisan compromise, bold leadership, and legislative vision, Tom Bliley is an example to all of us. Honoring his tenure in the House of Representatives by designating the Tom Bliley Post Office is a fitting farewell.

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 Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1748.

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.

BOB DAVIS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2577) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 South State Street in St.

Ignace, Michigan, as the "Bob Davis Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2577

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

SECTION 1. BOB DAVIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 South State Street in St. Ignace, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Bob Davis 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 Bob Davis Post Office Building.

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

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam 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 Florida?

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2577, introduced by our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK), designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 South State Street in St. Ignace, Michigan, as the Bob Davis Post Office Building. Members of the entire House delegation from the State of Michigan are cosponsors of this legislation.

Madam Speaker, Bob Davis served in the House of Representatives for 14 years, from 1979 to 1993. He was a member of the House Committee on Armed Services and was also ranking member of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Among his final acts was sponsorship of the law that created the Calumet Historic Park on Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of H.R. 2577.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 2577, legislation naming a post office after former Representative Robert W. Davis of Michigan, H.R. 2577, introduced by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) on July 19, 2001. This legislation has met the committee requirement and is supported and cosponsored by the entire Michigan delegation.

Former Representative Bob Davis began his political career in local and

State politics. He served on the St. Ignace City Council and in the Michigan house and senate. Elected to Congress in 1978, Bob Davis represented the 11th Congressional District and served until the end of the 102nd Congress. A member of House Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, former Representative Bob Davis worked hard to promote funding for the Coast Guard and to assist local businesses to secure Federal contracts.

He was an ideal Representative, always looking after the needs of his constituents.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Government Reform.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) for yielding me time; and I appreciate the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) for introducing this legislation.

I think the achievements of Bob Davis have been covered and will be covered by the colleagues of mine from the Michigan delegation, but one thing I would like to say is that I was a personal friend of Bob Davis while he was a Member of the House. We participated in sports activities as well as cosponsored legislation here on the floor of the House. There was no finer Representative from the State of Michigan than Bob Davis.

He was an outstanding Member. He really cared about his constituents, and he worked very, very hard. He continues to work hard here in Washington, D.C., advising Members of Congress about legislation that he has an interest in.

So if Bob Davis is watching, we are glad to do this today. We are very happy to name this post office after you. I hope all the people of his district appreciate the work you have put forth on their behalf.

Bob Davis was born in Marquette, Michigan. He graduated from high school in St. Ignace, Michigan.

He attended Northern Michigan University and Hillsdale College, and graduated from Wayne State University in 1954 with a degree in Mortuary Science.

After working as a mortician and funeral director in St. Ignace, Bob was elected to the City Council in 1964 and to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1966.

Bob served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1966 until 1970, when he was elected to the Michigan Senate.

Bob served in the Michigan Senate until 1978. He was Senate Republican Leader from 1974 until 1978.

Bob was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1978. He was elected to six more terms before retiring in 1992.

Bob served on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and the Armed Services Committee. He was a tireless advocate for his

district's interests, and a great supporter of the United States Coast Guard.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK).

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for yielding me time.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to offer H.R. 2577, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 South State Street in St. Ignace, Michigan, as the Bob Davis Post Office.

Nearly 30 years of public service is a record that Bob Davis has compiled to the people of northern Michigan, and I think that years of service deserves recognition. The designation of this post office will be a fitting tribute to a person who worked to improve the quality of life for the people not only of northern Michigan, but all of Michigan.

Mr. Davis started out as a funeral director, much like Mr. Biley who we just honored a few minutes ago. He was the head of the Davis Funeral Home in St. Ignace. After that, he got involved in local politics and became councilman on the St. Ignace City Council from 1964 to 1966.

Bob Davis was devoted to the St. Ignace community, as we have heard, by serving as president of the St. Ignace Area Chamber of Commerce, president of the St. Ignace Area Industrial Development Corporation. He has been a member of the local Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Royal Arch Masons, Shriner and Eagles Lodge.

It was through this civic involvement that Bob Davis was then elected to State representative in 1966 and elected State senator in 1970, becoming the senate majority leader of the Michigan Legislature in 1974.

Bob Davis went on and served as a delegate to the Michigan State Republican Convention in 1966 through 1978.

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Mr. Davis continued his public service by being elected to Congress, serving from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1993.

As has been stated, he was the ranking member on the House Committee on Armed Services and was especially involved in the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development. He was also ranking member on the merchant marine and fisheries committee.

Among one of his final acts, a project we all continue to work on and Mr. Davis was very proud of, was the sponsorship of the law that created the Calumet Historical Park on the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula.

His district office, he was the first one to start putting forth district offices, focused on case work and economic development, proving his devotion to constituent service and economic development in a very tough area of northern Michigan.

He returned home to Michigan virtually every other weekend, crisscrossing a district that is one of the

largest in the United States. Madam Speaker, I know how big this district is. Twice now it has been reapportioned, and twice it has gotten larger each time, and right now it is one of the largest in the United States. So just getting back and forth and traversing that large district in and of itself is a chore that we undertake. As I said, Mr. Davis did it every other weekend.

So I think, Madam Speaker, a fitting tribute to Bob Davis' service to northern Michigan would be naming the St. Ignace Post Office after him, the Bob Davis Post Office, and I would like to thank the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON); and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), the ranking member; the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM); and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for their courtesies, and I ask all my colleagues to support this bill.

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

We have no further speakers on this side. It is clear that Mr. Davis again enjoys broad support and respect from both sides of the aisle, and we appreciate the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) bringing his accomplishments to the attention of the House. Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of this measure.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, we have no further speakers, and 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 Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2577.

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.

COMMENDING PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF OF PAKISTAN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOMING HIM TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HYDE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 324) commending President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan for his leadership and friendship and welcoming him to the United States.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 324

Whereas President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan has shown courageous leadership in cooperating with the United States in the fight against terrorism;

Whereas President Musharraf has shown great fortitude in confronting extremists and outlawing terrorism in Pakistan;

Whereas the efforts of President Musharraf in fighting terrorism are both in the na-

tional interest of Pakistan and of great importance to Pakistani-American relations;

Whereas the war against terrorism underscores the importance of strengthening the historic bilateral relationship between the United States and Pakistan;

Whereas President Musharraf has worked to improve the political representation of minorities in Pakistan; and

Whereas the Pakistani-American community in the United States makes important contributions to the United States and plays a vital role in developing a closer relationship between the peoples of the United States and Pakistan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress commends President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan for his leadership and friendship and welcomes him to the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE).

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

I am pleased to call up the resolution to welcome President Musharraf on his most important visit to Washington. I am a cosponsor of this resolution that was introduced today by the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS), a member of the Committee on International Relations.

Pakistan has been in the forefront of the war on terrorism, and their efforts to assist the United States have been essential to the great successes to date. The importance of the growing relationship between our two countries is the prevention of further terrorist attacks, and hopefully it will contribute to economic development and stability within Pakistan.

President Musharraf has taken many steps to arrest al Qaeda members and has been working diligently on the release of kidnapped journalist Daniel Pearl. He has undertaken other efforts to curtail the detrimental activities of extremist Islamic groups and has shown particular leadership in trying to take his country in a new direction.

Through this resolution we acknowledge President Musharraf's sincere efforts to improve the security in the region and give hope for a bright future for his country and its deserving people.

I urge the support of my colleagues as we welcome the President of Pakistan to our country.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I might consume.

I rise in strong support of this resolution.

I would first like to commend the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) for introducing this important resolution, and I want to thank my friend the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), the chairman of the Committee on International Relations, for allowing it to move so expeditiously to the floor of the House.

Madam Speaker, 5 months after September 11, we now fully understand the long-term impact of that fateful day. The patterns of international power have been scrambled, and the United States has reexamined its bilateral relationship with almost every nation on the planet.

Today, all the great powers are united against the forces of barbarism. Not since the end of the Second World War have all the nations of the civilized world, including China, Russia, Japan, India, Pakistan and the nations of Europe, joined in common cause against a common enemy.

For some nations in this historic alliance, there was never a doubt that they would be with us in this struggle. For other nations, it was not to be an easy decision. The leaders were buffeted by competing pressures, and the course of least resistance would have been to duck and cover.

Madam Speaker, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf made a strong and courageous decision to stand with the United States in this battle against terrorism. As a result, Pakistan has become an important ally in this epic struggle.

While all the nations in the global alliance have made some contributions to the battle against terrorism, Pakistan, by virtue of geography and history, has had to shoulder a uniquely heavy burden. It is true that Pakistan had a hand in creating the Taliban, and we cannot forget this, but it is also true that Pakistan is playing a critical role in ensuring that Afghanistan and Pakistan are no longer used as a base for international terrorism.

In his historic speech on January 12, President Musharraf made an eloquent and compelling call for an end to the extremism and terrorism that has plagued Pakistan for the past decade. As we laud him for making the right choice, we must acknowledge that it will not be an easy commitment for him to keep.

Indeed, the kidnapping of Daniel Pearl, an American journalist working in Pakistan, is only the latest manifestation of the life-and-death struggle that is being waged for the future of Pakistan. It is a battle against the anarchist forces of Islamic extremism and violence which seek to capitalize on the despair of the poor. It is a battle that Musharraf must win if he is to restore hope to the people of Pakistan and secure a future for the children of Pakistan.

Madam Speaker, it is vital that the United States demonstrate to the people and Government of Pakistan our commitment to help them secure that future as long as Pakistan continues its commitment to eradicate international terrorism from within its borders.

Finally, I want to reiterate to the people of Pakistan our continued support for a return to democracy in Pakistan. President Musharraf has given