

children. He provides scholarships to Berry College, and he provides scholarships to employees of Chick-Fil-A, over \$17 million worth of development and education scholarships. He believes in the youth of America. He believes that our future is in those individuals that will shape and mold and become the future leaders that we so desperately need.

I am indeed privileged to join the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) and to join the rest of the Georgia delegation as we provide a tribute to the life and the accomplishments of S. Truett Cathy. I urge my colleagues in this body to join us as we vote today on H.R. 3029.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Mr. Cathy is indeed a remarkable man. I congratulate the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) and the Georgia delegation. I urge swift passage of this legislation.

Ms. MAJETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor S. Truett Cathy. Guided by his ability, dedication, and faith, Mr. Cathy took a small restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia, and built Chik-Fil-A, Inc., the third largest fast food chicken restaurant in America, with more than 1,080 restaurants nationwide.

This is in itself a great enterprise. Yet Mr. Cathy, through his success in business and exemplary community service, has come to serve as a paradigm of excellence. In 1984, Mr. Cathy founded the WinShape Center Foundation, designed to "shape winners" by helping young people succeed in life through scholarships and other youth-support programs.

Like Mr. Cathy, the foundation he began is the epitome of responsible citizenry. The foundation annually joins Berry College in Rome, Georgia to award 20 to 30 students with \$24,000 scholarships. In addition, through its Leadership Scholarship Program, the Chick-Fil-A chain has awarded more than \$17.5 million in \$1,000 scholarships to Chick-Fil-A restaurant employees since 1973. Chik-Fil-A's partnerships with the LPGA and college football's Peach Bowl have resulted in more than \$1.25 million for WinShape homes and other charities in 2002 alone.

Mr. Cathy's philanthropic endeavors extend to children as well. As part of his WinShape Homes program—a long-term care program for foster children—Mr. Cathy launched and operates 13 foster care homes in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Brazil. These homes, accommodating up to 12 children with two full-time foster parents, provide long-term care for foster children with a positive family environment. In addition, more than 1,600 young campers from throughout the country attend annual sessions at Camp WinShape. An initiative of the WinShape Center Foundation, this camp offers a series of two-week summer programs to help boys and girls build self-esteem through physical and spiritual activities.

Mr. Cathy is a devoutly religious man who built his life and business on hard work, humanity and biblical principles. Based on his strong faith and sense of purpose, all of Chik-Fil-A's restaurants operate with a "closed-on-

Sunday" policy, allowing employees to practice their faith and spend time with their families. Mr. Cathy spends his day off teaching a Sunday school class to 13-year-old boys, as he has done for more than 45 years.

S. Truett Cathy represents the best that Georgia and this country has to offer. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of H.R. 3029, designating the post office of Jonesboro, Georgia as the "S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building."

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

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers. I urge passage of H.R. 3029, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3029.

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.

#### MAJOR HENRY A. COMMISKEY, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2438) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as the "Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2438

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

#### SECTION 1. MAJOR HENRY A. COMMISKEY, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, shall be known and designated as the "Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. 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 Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. 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. 2438.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased that the House is considering H.R. 2438. This post office designation bill, introduced by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR), honors the service of Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr.

Major Commiskey earned the Medal of Honor and a Purple Heart for his service to our Nation in the U.S. Marine Corps. Born on January 10, 1927, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, he enlisted in the Marines at age 17. He ultimately served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Major Commiskey earned the Purple Heart for his valor during the invasion of Iwo Jima in 1945.

After World War II ended, he returned safely home and continued to serve in the Marine Corps. He advanced to the rank of staff sergeant and became a drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina. When war broke out in Korea, he was shipped overseas again. For his tremendous efforts during the conflict in Korea, he earned the Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, we owe so much to members of our Armed Forces who have fought for democracy and freedom throughout our Nation's history. Major Commiskey deserves all our thanks and praise, and this legislation is a way for the Members of this House to honor his brave legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for H.R. 2438 that names a post office after the late Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr.

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, I rise in support of H.R. 2438, legislation naming a postal facility located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, after Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. H.R. 2438, introduced by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) on June 11, 2003, was unanimously approved by our committee on July 10, 2003. The measure has met the Committee on Government Reform policy and has the support and cosponsorship of the entire Mississippi State congressional delegation.

Mr. Speaker, Henry A. Commiskey was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in 1927. He enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 17 during World War II and participated in the 1945 invasion of Iwo Jima, where he earned the Purple Heart. He remained in the corps after the war, rose to the rank of staff sergeant to become a drill instructor at Parris Island, and then graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1949.

Henry volunteered for combat service at the outbreak of the Korean War and was presented the distinguished Medal of Honor by President Truman in 1951 for leading a charge up Hill 85 in North Korea and killing seven enemy soldiers in hand-to-hand combat on September 20, 1950.

Henry A. Commiskey obtained the rank of major before retiring from the corps.

Last year, the Hattiesburg City Council and the Board of Supervisors for Forrest County, Mississippi, passed official resolutions requesting the assistance of the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) in renaming the city's downtown post office after the late Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr., a long-time resident of the community and Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War.

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I want to thank the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman DAVIS) and the gentleman from California (Ranking Member WAXMAN) and the House majority and minority leadership for moving this bill to the floor so expeditiously. I also commend my colleague, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) for seeking to honor the tremendous sacrifice of Major Commiskey.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) has been trying to get here, but he has been traveling from Mississippi and has not made it yet. He wanted to be here to speak in favor of this legislation. Unfortunately, he did not make it. So I will insert his statement in the RECORD at the appropriate place, and I urge swift passage of this bill.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2438.

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.

#### EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM "SINGAMERICA" PROJECT

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 262) expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 262

Whereas the performance and singing of traditional, patriotic music has served as a vital instrument for the recruitment and retention of members of the armed forces of the United States, has been a catalyst for the development of public support for a common defense policy, and has united Americans of all backgrounds throughout the history of the United States as an inspirational expression of the national purpose of freedom;

Whereas the national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner, holds a special place in the hearts and minds of the American people as a symbol of national unity, resolve, and willingness to sacrifice in order to preserve the nation's sacred heritage of freedom;

Whereas the members of the MENC: the National Association for Music Education, the officers of the Smithsonian Institution, and the members of the American Sports-casters Association have joined in the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project to restore the original Star Spangled Banner flag and to renew national awareness of the patriotic musical traditions of the United States; and

Whereas this dynamic national initiative promises to invigorate and inspire the American people to have a greater appreciation of their patriotic musical heritage and the pre-eminent role that heritage has in promoting national defense efforts, motivating public and military service, infusing national pride, encouraging good citizenship practices, and teaching American history: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—*

(1) commends the MENC: The National Association for Music Education, the Smithsonian Institution, the American Sports-casters Association, and all those involved in the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project for their initiative to promote national awareness of the patriotic musical heritage of the United States; and

(2) urges all Americans to assist, enjoy, and participate in the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the concurrent resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 262, introduced by the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS), expresses support for the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project.

Mr. Speaker, the "SingAmerica" project is an ongoing patriotic effort about which most Americans may not be aware. "SingAmerica" is a collaboration between the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and the National Association for Music Education, along with a great deal of support from the American Sports-casters Association. The project aims to remind all Americans of the importance of our magnificent National Anthem.

The project has begun this fall during the National Football League season by encouraging the singing of the National Anthem before all games. Other professional sports leagues will also take part in the project over the next few years, including the National Bas-

ketball Association, the Women's National Basketball Association, and Major League Baseball.

The culminating event of the "SingAmerica" project will be here in Washington, D.C. on June 14, 2006. This event will be called "A Star Spangled Celebration" and will feature the President and First Lady, celebrity musicians, and literally thousands of bands from across the country. These artists will join together for the largest performance of the National Anthem in history.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman DAVIS), I urge all Americans to enjoy and participate in the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project. I also urge all Members to support the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 262.

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, the members of the National Association for Music Education, the offices of the Smithsonian Institute, and the members of the American Sports-casters Association have joined in the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project.

The "SingAmerica" project aims to restore the original Star Spangled Banner Flag and to renew national awareness of the patriotic musical traditions of the United States. The performance and singing tradition of patriotic music has served as a vital instrument for the recruitment and retention of the Armed Forces of the United States. Such patriotic music can be found on the SingAmerica! Patriotic Collection CD, which marks the first time all of the U.S. military bands: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard have been recorded on a single album.

The National Anthem and the Star Spangled Banner hold a special place in the hearts and minds of the American people as symbols of national unity, resolve, and willingness to sacrifice in order to preserve the Nation's sacred heritage of freedom. This resolution urges all Americans to assist, enjoy, and participate in the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project.

Sometimes, when you are listening to just the song, you can imagine that you see Francis Scott Key as he looked out and saw that the flag was still waving in the pitch of battle and was inspired to write the words "Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light. What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming."

Or, you think of other patriotic songs like "America, The Beautiful" and "God bless America." All of those symbolize what America has been, but also what America has the potential of being.

Mr. Speaker, this is an excellent project, and I would urge passage of this resolution.