

piece of legislation introduced here in the House. I know he worked alongside the Senator from Iowa to recognize Bill Scherle in the Congress, and I commend him for his efforts as well.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I commend the Senator from Iowa for introducing S. 1399 that honors W.J. Scherle, as well as commending the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING). I urge all Members to support its passage.

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

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

I rise in support of S. 1399, a bill that would name a U.S. postal facility after W.J. Scherle. S. 1399 was introduced by Senator TOM HARKIN of Iowa on July 14, 2003, and passed unanimously by the Senate on July 17, 2003.

S. 1399 would name the Glenwood, Iowa, Post Office after W.J. Scherle, a former Member of Congress. Congressman Scherle was first elected to represent Iowa's Seventh Congressional District in 1967. After redistricting, Representative Scherle represented the Fifth Congressional District until 1974.

During his tenure in Congress, Representative Scherle served on the Committees on Education and Labor and Appropriations. Prior to serving in the Congress, Bill Scherle served in the Navy and Coast Guard during World War II, and then later in the Navy Reserve. He served as chairman of the Mills County Republican Party, and then went on to serve in the Iowa legislature for 6 years.

According to Senator HARKIN, the sponsor of this measure, Representative Scherle will particularly be remembered for leading the effort in Congress to release the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo, which had been seized by North Korea in 1968.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the swift adoption of this bill.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring forth S. 1399, the William J. Scherle Post Office Building Redesignation Act, to honor the selfless service of a great Iowan, Bill Scherle. I want to thank the Iowa delegation in the House of Representatives for joining me and Senators HARKIN and GRASSLEY in supporting this well-deserved gesture to honor the service of a great American by their cosponsorship of my House version, H.R. 2758.

Mr. Scherle was born in Little Falls, New York in 1923. After serving this great country in the Second World War, Mr. Scherle attended Southern Methodist University and subsequently served in the United States Naval Reserve. After serving his country in the military, Mr. Scherle decided to engage in grain and livestock farming and settled in rural Mills County, Iowa. Mr. Scherle was elected to 3 consecutive terms in the Iowa House of Representatives.

In 1966, he was elected to his first of four terms in the United States House of Representatives. Bill was known as a watchdog of government waste who brought a keen eye for economic accountability to the Congress.

Bill was an outspoken and persistent voice for the members of the captured spy boat, the

Pueblo, during 1968 when the boat and crew were captured by the North Koreans. Thanks to his daily reminders on the floor of Congress, the members of the *Pueblo* and their plight were kept at the forefront of the Congress' consciousness until they were released by the North Korean government.

Mr. Scherle promoted personal responsibility, agricultural growth and innovation, and was the embodiment of common sense conservatism during his tenure in this honorable House. After serving in the United States Department of Agriculture and as a consultant in Washington D.C., Mr. Scherle retired to Henderson, where he currently resides with his wife Jane.

Mr. Speaker, members of the House, please join me and the entire Iowa delegation in voting to designate the Glenwood, Iowa Post Office the William J. Scherle Post Office Building.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1399.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ROBERT A. BORSKI POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2328) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2328

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

SECTION 1. ROBERT A. BORSKI POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Robert A. Borski 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 Robert A. Borski Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to re-

verse and extend their remarks on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2328, introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOEFFEL), designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the Robert A. Borski Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation honors a devoted former Member of this body. Former Congressman Robert Borski preceded the gentleman from Pennsylvania as the U.S. Representative of Pennsylvania's Third District. The citizens of the Third District in Philadelphia elected Mr. Borski to the House 10 times before he retired after the 107th Congress.

He continues to be a good friend to all who worked in this House with him. It is a deserved tribute to Mr. Borski's public service that this post office be named after him, and I am pleased the House is considering this bill today.

Congressman Borski was most active on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, where he was the ranking Democratic member on the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines. He was also a member of the Democratic Whip operations, serving as the regional whip for Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Congressman Borski was known especially for his accessibility to his constituents. He frequently utilized the town hall meeting in his district to meet with his constituents firsthand. In addition, he always had at least two offices in Philadelphia to save constituents from traveling all the way to Washington.

Mr. Speaker, for all these reasons, I want to congratulate the gentleman from Pennsylvania for his work on this measure that honors Congressman Robert A. Borski. And just to say on a personal level, that I have had the honor to have worked with him for most of his 10 terms, and found him to be extraordinarily hard-working, very dedicated, very personable, not partisan, but clearly proud to be a Democratic Representative to this body.

It was a pleasure to serve with him. He is clearly deserving of this recognition.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I will defer to the gentleman from Philadelphia to offer the remarks on this former member, but I do want to note that I served with Mr. Borski, and he was a Member who was particularly admired in the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure where he was a leader and enjoyed the admiration of Members on both sides of the aisle in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my the gentleman from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH).

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia for yielding me this time. And let me thank my good friend, someone who has ably led this Congress in a number of different fashions, but with whom I have worked closely on the Committee on Government Reform for many years, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity.

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Mr. Speaker, I have had the honor of knowing Bob Borski for many years. When I was just some 23, 24 years of age, being elected to the State House in 1982, he was exiting the same chair that I was going to sit in, because he was on his way to Washington, leaving the State House and coming to represent the great city of Philadelphia and our Commonwealth, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania here in Washington. And so I rise in support of H.R. 2328.

Congressman Borski served here for many, many terms representing, in particular, northeast Philadelphia; but his reach went far beyond that, for he rose to be one of the leading Members of this Congress on transportation issues. He worked to secure for Pennsylvania and for many other areas of our Nation the rightful resources that were necessary to improve and enhance our airports, particularly the Philadelphia International Airport, our ports, our waterways. Bob Borski worked tirelessly. He was, in my mind, the most effective Member of Congress on transportation issues that we have ever had from Philadelphia. He worked to expand I-95.

We could go through a lot, but one of the things I appreciated about Bob Borski was the human qualities. He stepped aside, for instance, so that I could go after a seat on the Committee on Appropriations when he was the more senior Member from our city, but he felt that he was going to have a fairly short career at that point and he thought it better that I go forward.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FATTAH. I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut.

Mr. SHAYS. I think you should get down on bended knees in gratitude to the gentleman for doing that.

Mr. FATTAH. And I have been on bended knees many, many times, for Congressman Borski was just extraordinarily helpful in my own career and in the careers of other younger Members. Every day he would ask me about how my family was doing, particularly my young daughter, Cameron. He was concerned about where she was going to school, what she was doing, what activities she was involved in, because he had daughters and he was totally in-

involved in their upbringing. He would make sure that he made it to their soccer meets. I remember even one time there was a debate here on the floor and Bob said, look, my daughter's in a soccer meet, she's on a soccer scholarship over in Virginia, this is one of her first games and I'm going to go do it.

That is the kind of person he was. He represented our city in the finest of ways and traditions. I just wish him well as he goes forward. It is the least that we can do to name a post office in his honor. There are some Members who get elected to Congress, and it is an honor for them to be able to serve. I am convinced that Bob Borski is one of the few Members which this institution was honored by his service. I just rise today to support this bill. I thank my friend, the gentleman from the great State of Connecticut, and I thank the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia for yielding me this time.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER).

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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

Mr. Speaker, we have just heard a number of glowing remarks about Congressman Robert Borski. They are not exaggerations. He was an excellent Member of this House. My experience with him came in two areas: the first, serving on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure where he was a very senior member. He did perform on that Committee in an outstanding way. He was very much bipartisan in his approach even though, of course, he was a confirmed member of the Democratic Party. I would say also in this respect that he went out of his way to find a consensus whenever possible. It is often said that there are show horses and workhorses in this Congress. Definitely Mr. Borski was a workhorse and a very, very effective one.

The second place I knew him was in my role as the chairman of the House delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly where Mr. Borski was one among many Members that do not come from the Committee on International Relations or from the Committee on Armed Services or the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; he came from one of the authorizing committees that does not have that much involvement in international affairs under most circumstances. But he played a very valuable role in this respect. We missed him this past Congress in his role in that respect. I want to commend him and thank his wife for all of her patience and his family for all of their patience in giving Robert's time for working on these international issues as well. I strongly support the resolution.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 additional minute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH).

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to say that on not just the congressional delegation, JACK MURTHA, his colleagues from Philadelphia, BOB BRADY and the sponsor of this bill, Congressman JOE HOEFFEL, that there are many others in our State. With the loss, that is, with the leaving from Congress of Congressmen Shuster and Borski now, our State has lost a great deal of seniority and knowledge and expertise in the transportation areas, but we nonetheless appreciate their service. And particularly in terms of Bob Borski, the Governor; the mayor of our city, John F. Street; for many local officials, Bob Borski was an experienced and practical and commonsense political leader. We really appreciated his service. We wish him well as he moves on into other aspects of his life.

I am reminded when he had his going-away get-together here on the Hill, he had his family around him at the podium. It was symbolic, but it was really substantive. That is to say that Bob Borski did so much here in the Congress, did so much to help this country and help his home State, but at the end of the day and most importantly for him as he tried to make sure that I understood when he talked about my daughter, Cameron, that family has to be the most important issue for all of us. He was a good example of that.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOEFFEL).

Mr. HOEFFEL. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this time and for her leadership in the committee and on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2328, the legislation designating the United States postal facility located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia as the Robert A. Borski Post Office Building.

Congressman Robert Borski was one of the longest-serving members of the Pennsylvania delegation, having served here for 20 years in Congress representing the Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Congressman Borski was a leader on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure where he served as Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines. He fought for a strong Federal commitment to our Nation's highways and transit systems. His efforts on the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century resulted in major infrastructure investment for the Philadelphia region.

Congressman Borski also worked hard to revitalize urban areas, supporting both transportation and water infrastructure projects. From his seat on the Subcommittee on Water Resources, Congressman Borski pushed for legislation to promote the cleanup of brownfields and to redevelop urban industrial sites. Congressman Borski also initiated the effort to reclaim and revitalize the neglected areas along the North Delaware River in Philadelphia.

With the support of the entire Pennsylvania congressional delegation, I introduced H.R. 2328. I selected this specific location because Bob Borski's late father was a postman who delivered mail from this facility on Willard Street and his mother still lives in the delivery area of this post office. The naming of the Borski post office, accordingly, has a very rich symbolic value and makes this action very meaningful and very emotional for the Borski family.

I first met Bob Borski in 1977 when we were both freshman legislators in the Pennsylvania State House. We came from very different backgrounds and very different political worlds, one from the Richmond neighborhood of Philadelphia, one from suburban Abington, but we became good friends. We served together for 6 years in the State House. Bob got here to Congress well before I did; and when I finally made it, he took me under his wing and served as my mentor. He would only occasionally give me advice. Sometimes I followed it; sometimes I did not. I learned after time I should have always followed it. He is a good man and a good friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is not often that you find an individual with such dedication and commitment to his community. I am pleased to honor Congressman Bob Borski in this manner. He is truly deserving of this honor. I urge swift passage of this legislation.

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

I would just note for the gentleman, we were trying to filibuster a little bit to give him a chance to get to the Chamber to speak on this important resolution.

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHAYS. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. HOEFFEL. I thank the gentleman for yielding. I cannot think of a more eloquent filibusterer than the gentleman from Connecticut. I thank him for doing this honor to Bob Borski.

Mr. SHAYS. He deserves it. He is an outstanding man.

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2328, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building".

Congressman Robert Borski represented Pennsylvania's Third Congressional District, which encompasses Northeast Philadelphia, the River Wards, Society Hill and portions of Queen Village for 20 years.

When he retired from Congress last year, he was the third ranking Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and was the ranking member on the Highways and Transit Subcommittee. Congressman Borski was also a member of the Subcommittee on Railroads, the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, the Congressional Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly and the Ad-Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs.

As a senior member on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and sub-

committee ranking member, Congressman Borski was a vocal advocate of an improved national transportation system and a strong federal commitment to public infrastructure and mass transit programs. In Philadelphia, his legislative efforts have resulted in millions of dollars for SEPTA, I-95, neighborhood roads, and transportation improvements, which have benefited the Port of Philadelphia and the surrounding area.

In addition to his committee assignments, Congressman Borski represented the concerns of his constituency serving on the Older Americans Caucus, the Diabetes Caucus and the Prescription Drug Task Force.

Mr. Borski built a reputation as an accessible representative, holding public meetings, open office hours and manning two district offices to serve his constituents. Before being elected to Congress in 1982, Mr. Borski served three terms in the Pennsylvania State House where he was equally successful.

Mr. Speaker, I think there is no better way to honor Congressman Borski's 20 plus years of public service than to designate the United States Postal Service facility located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building". I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in supporting H.R. 2328.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2328, a bill to name the U.S. Postal Service facility located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building."

I had the privilege of serving with Bob Borski on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for twenty years. I know him to be a true public servant, dedicated to the welfare of his constituents in Pennsylvania's 3rd District, and a steadfast friend. This designation could not be more well-deserved, and I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this legislation.

First elected to the 98th Congress, Bob Borski served on the Transportation Committee for two decades until his retirement at the end of the 107th Congress. Throughout his distinguished career, Congressman Borski exemplified the great bipartisan tradition of the Transportation Committee. From 1995 to 2001, he served as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment where he and Subcommittee Chairman BOEHLERT spearheaded the Committee's efforts for bipartisan solutions to some of the Committee's most difficult issues, such as clean water, brownfields, and superfund issues. The Committee's good work on these issues and its ability to pass bipartisan legislation was due in large part to Congressman Borski's perseverance, patience, and willingness to find common ground.

In the 107th Congress, Congressman Borski served as Ranking Member of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee. In that position, he and Subcommittee Chairman Petri did much of the groundwork for the upcoming reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21), holding more than a dozen hearings on issues related to the TEA 21 reauthorization. Last year, Congressman Borski received the "Distinguished Person of the Year Award" from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) at its annual conference. It is not often that an association, with a major reauthorization bill just

around the corner, honors a retiring Member of Congress. The fact that APTA honored Bob Borski is a tribute to him and the work that he has done to ensure that our communities have safe, affordable transportation choices.

H.R. 2328 is a fitting tribute to the distinguished career of Congressman Borski. I urge my colleagues to support it and to honor the contributions of Bob Borski with this well-deserved designation.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WHITFIELD). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2328.

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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1472

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1472.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 286, REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY RECORDS ON USE OF AGENCY RESOURCES RELATING TO MEMBERS OF TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Mr. SHAYS, from the Select Committee on Homeland Security, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-223) on the resolution (H. Res. 286) directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 288, REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECORDS ON USE OF AGENCY RESOURCES RELATING TO MEMBERS OF TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,