

community service, and although it is oftentimes unusual while people are still available to achieve these kinds of recognitions to see that the people of her community and that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS), her representative in Congress, thinks enough of her dedication to name this postal facility in her honor, I am pleased to join with him and urge swift adoption of this measure.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional educator in the 32nd Congressional District of Texas with this legislation H.R. 3723, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8135 Forest Lane in Dallas, Texas, as the 'Vaughn Gross Post Office Building.'"

I am pleased to honor Vaughn Gross with the naming of this post office. It is a fitting tribute to a career educator who has served children with special needs and disabilities with excellence and distinction.

As a father of a child with special needs, I know firsthand that it takes an extraordinary person to educate children with disabilities. It requires both love and passion to be able to accomplish this tough task, and I admire Mrs. Gross for her drive and determination to improve the lives of children with disabilities.

Vaughn Gross began her career in education 36 years ago as an innovative classroom teacher for children with special needs and disabilities at Wooten Elementary School in Austin, Texas. For the past 30 years, she has served with the Richardson Independent School District. From 1993 until 1999, Mrs. Gross held the position of Principal of Brentfield Elementary School. From 1999 until 2003, she was the Principal of Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet School. Mrs. Gross currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Few in school administrations come from special education backgrounds, so it is notable that Mrs. Gross has been able to continue her commitment to improving special education as she transitioned from the classroom into her current administrative position.

All too often, we as a society do not give the appropriate recognition to dedicated teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty to educate those children with disabilities and special needs. Mrs. Gross has dedicated her life to furthering the education of the countless children who have benefited from her years of experience.

I believe that this legislation not only honors Mrs. Gross, but also pays a fitting tribute to the scores of educators in Texas and throughout the country who specialize in teaching our children with disabilities and special needs.

In addition to teaching her students, Mrs. Gross has made tremendous efforts to share her successful techniques with other educators in Texas to help improve the teaching of students outside of her home school district. I have always been impressed with her abilities, and I sincerely wish her all the best as she continues her career with the Richardson Independent School District.

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

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3723. I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3723.

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. CARTER. 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.

MAXINE S. POSTAL UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3917) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Marconi Boulevard in Copiague, New York, as the "Maxine S. Postal United States Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3917

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

SECTION 1. MAXINE S. POSTAL UNITED STATES POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Marconi Boulevard in Copiague, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Maxine S. Postal United States Post Office".

(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 Maxine S. Postal United States Post Office.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3917, introduced by the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL), designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Marconi Boulevard in Copiague, New York, as the "Maxine S. Postal United States Post Office Building."

Since first being elected in 1987, Maxine Postal was an esteemed member of the Suffolk County Legislature in New York. There is little question that she

was an effective public servant and respected across political party lines. Her hallmarks in the legislature included fighting for tax relief, promoting community recycling programs, and revitalizing area recreation centers for citizens of Suffolk County.

Outside of her work in the legislature, her community contributions included serving as treasurer of the Amityville Board of Education and founding a library and a local soccer league.

Mr. Speaker, one cannot capture the worth of a local leader like Maxine Postal in a mere list of accomplishments. That is why I am pleased that enactment of this legislation will immortalize her legacy by naming a post office after her in the town she represented in the county legislature.

Mr. Speaker, Maxine Postal sadly passed away on New Year's Day, 2004, succumbing to a rare brain disorder known as CJD. She had announced her resignation from the legislature just days before she died. Maxine Postal was a valued public servant who is most deserving of this post office commemoration.

I thank the gentleman from New York for advancing this legislation through the Committee on Government Reform to the House floor for consideration today. I urge all Members to support H.R. 3917 that honors Maxine Postal.

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

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

As a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join with my colleague in the consideration of H.R. 3917, legislation naming a postal facility in Copiague, New York, after Maxine Postal. This measure, which was introduced by the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL) on March 9, 2004, and unanimously reported by our committee on March 18, 2004, enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the entire New York delegation.

Maxine Postal was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1942. She grew up in Brooklyn, was educated in Brooklyn, and taught school in Brooklyn. In 1968, she opened the Busy Bee Nursery School and Kindergarten in Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Postal used her vast teaching experience and expertise to serve as president of the Hauppauge Library Board and later as president of the Amityville Board of Education.

In the late 1980s, Mrs. Postal was elected to the Suffolk County Legislature where she served for 15 years until her death of Creutzfeldt-Jakob, a rare brain disorder, on New Year's Day at a hospice on West Palm Beach, Florida.

While an active member of the county legislature, Mrs. Postal was a liberal Democrat, I like that, dedicated to improving the lives of those in her community. She was a tireless advocate for the homeless, the downtrodden, and the poor, using her position on the social services committee to better living

conditions for those living on the streets. She was a woman of the people who fought for everyone and championed the rights of all to live free from discrimination and oppression.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the sponsor in honoring the life of Maxine Postal and pleased that we are seeking to remember her good works, her good deeds, her advocacy for the poor, the downtrodden, those who are oftentimes forgotten. So it is my pleasure to urge swift passage of this resolution.

I know that the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL) had wanted to be present but could not make it, and I wanted to indicate that so that, as sponsor of this legislation, his name is listed in the RECORD as individuals pick up the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and see or read the proceedings.

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to first begin by thanking the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS), the Gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) and all members of the Committee of Government Reform for reporting H.R. 3917 so promptly.

I also thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for managing debate on this bill that honors former Suffolk County Presiding Officer Maxine S. Postal, who died so tragically this past January after a courageous battle with the rare brain disorder Creutzfeld-Jakob.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Members to support H.R. 3917, a bill I introduced that designates the Copiague, New York post office as the Maxine S. Postal United States Post Office.

The speed this legislation moved through the House is a tribute to the great respect and admiration held for Maxine Postal. She was a good friend and wonderful public servant.

Maxine was born in Brooklyn, New York on November 24, 1942. She graduated from Brooklyn College, achieving a master's degree in fine arts.

For the past three decades, Maxine served her Long Island community with distinction and tireless dedication.

I had the honor of first knowing Maxine and working with her in 1987, when she became the first woman to represent the 15th Legislative District in Suffolk County.

Maxine achieved many legislative accomplishments, including efforts to protect the environment through recycling and preserving open space, ease the tax burden, ensure access to better health care and treatment, and work to revitalize and beautify community centers.

She never stopped fighting for the best interests of the people she represented, the working families of Suffolk County.

Maxine died on New Year's Day, a few weeks after being diagnosed with Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease. CJD is an extremely rare brain disorder, affecting only one person in a million.

Maxine was diagnosed with the sporadic form, which is not associated with contaminated beef like the variant form. In most cases, CJD causes the rapid development of neurological and neuro-muscular symptoms and often proves fatal in less than a year after the disorder becomes apparent.

To those of us who knew Maxine, we will remember her bravery and courageous battle against this fatal disease.

We will continue to miss her, but will always be inspired by her leadership. She had an unparalleled ability to stand firmly on principle while bringing diverse views together in bipartisan coalitions that moved Suffolk County forward.

Franky, not just Suffolk County but New York and our country could use more elected officials like Maxine Postal. She is a model of what a public servant can and should be.

The Maxine S. Postal United States Post Office will serve as a lasting tribute to her many years of public service and her invaluable impact on Suffolk County. So that years from now, a new generation of Long Islanders will cherish her service and honor her memory.

She was an extraordinary New Yorker, a proud American and a vital member of our community.

I ask for my colleagues' unanimous support of H.R. 3917 in honor of Maxine S. Postal's bravery and outstanding accomplishments.

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

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3917. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3917.

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. CARTER. 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3966, ROTC AND MILITARY RECRUITER EQUAL ACCESS TO CAMPUS ACT OF 2004

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-451) on the resolution (H.

Res. 580) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3966) to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to establish and maintain Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at institutions of higher education, to improve the ability of students to participate in Senior ROTC programs, and to ensure that institutions of higher education provide military recruiters entry to campuses and access to students that is at least equal in quality and scope to that provided to any other employer, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 95) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON.) Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate concurrent resolution, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 95

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005.

(a) DECLARATION.—Congress declares that this resolution is the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005 including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 as authorized by section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 632).

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this concurrent resolution is as follows:

Sec. 1. Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005.

TITLE I—LEVELS AND AMOUNTS

Sec. 101. Recommended levels and amounts.

Sec. 102. Social security.

Sec. 103. Major functional categories.

TITLE II—RECONCILIATION

Sec. 201. Reconciliation in the Senate.

TITLE III—RESERVE FUNDS AND ADJUSTMENTS

Subtitle A—Reserve Funds

Sec. 301. Reserve fund for health insurance for the uninsured.

Sec. 302. Reserve fund for higher education.

Sec. 303. Reserve for energy legislation.

Sec. 304. Reserve fund for guard and reserve health care.

Sec. 305. Reserve fund for Montgomery GI bill benefits.

Sec. 306. Reserve for funding of Hope Credit.

Sec. 307. Reserve fund for expansion of pediatric vaccine distribution program.

Sec. 308. Reserve fund for addressing minority health disparities.

Sec. 309. Reserve for postal service reform.

Subtitle B—Adjustments With Respect to Discretionary Spending

Sec. 311. Adjustment for surface transportation.