

School West on Long Island he pursued an undergraduate degree at SUNY Albany. Following school, Finn began a career in law enforcement marked by innovation and success. A 13-year veteran of the Albany force, John Finn served admirably throughout his career and during that tenure received two lifesaving awards from his department and the 2000 Officer of the Year from the Kiwanis Club. On July 26th, 2004, New York State officially recognized the contributions of Lieutenant Finn by posthumously awarding him the Governor's Police Officer of the Year Award for 2003.

Lieutenant Finn was a model policeman and family man, dedicating his life to protecting others. Finn's commitment to the well being of others remains visible in the good works of the Children and Family Services Unit of the Albany Police Department, which Finn helped create. Lieutenant Finn's surviving family includes his wife Maura McNulty-Finn and daughters Clara and Molly.

During his final days, Lieutenant Finn continued to exemplify bravery and fortitude by fighting hard for nearly 2 months after taking three bullets from a semiautomatic weapon. Thankfully, Finn's murderer now resides behind bars, and in a testament to Lieutenant Finn's affect on the community, nearly 5,000 people attended a public service in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my deepest condolences to John Finn's family and friends and I am happy to help memorialize this brave man by designating a Federal building in his honor. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. 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 Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5053.

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.

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CONGRESSMAN JACK FIELDS POST OFFICE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4232) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4025 Feather Lakes Way in Kingwood, Texas, as the "Congressman Jack Fields Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4232

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

SECTION 1. CONGRESSMAN JACK FIELDS POST OFFICE.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4025 Feather Lakes Way in Kingwood, Texas, and known as the Kingwood Post Office, is hereby redesignated as the "Congressman Jack Fields 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 Congressman Jack Fields Post Office.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. 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 Tennessee?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4232 honors a very distinguished former Member of this body, Congressman Jack Fields of Texas, with whom I had the privilege of serving. Congressman Fields, who made a living as a businessman and attorney, was elected as a Republican Member of the 97th and to the seven succeeding Congresses. He served in the House from 1981 until 1987.

Many of us had a chance to work alongside Congressman Fields, and we could not be happier about this post office designation in his honor. He was a very devoted Representative of the people of Texas and the Nation as a whole. He was a leading member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and contributed to this body and to this country in ways too numerous to mention at this time.

I commend the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) for honoring Congressman Jack Fields in this legislation. I urge passage of this bill.

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 am pleased to join in consideration of H.R. 4232, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4025 Feather Lakes Way in Kingwood, Texas, as the "Congressman Jack Fields Post Office."

Congressman Fields represented himself extremely well as a Member of this body, has an outstanding record of service not only to the people of his community but to the people of the Nation. It is appropriate that we would name a postal facility in his honor.

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY), the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a wonderful honor to join with my Republican and Democrat friends, the Texas delegation of this Chamber, to honor our former colleague Congress-

man Jack Fields, by renaming the post office in Kingwood, Texas, where he and his family live, as the "Congressman Jack Fields Post Office."

He represented the 8th District of Texas from 1981 to 1997, 16 years. He retired really at the pinnacle of his career for a very powerful reason, to spend more time with his family, his wonderful wife, Lynn, and children, daughters Jordan and Lexi and stepson Josh Hughes. Jack left as chairman of the House Committee on Commerce's Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, a very important post, and as vice chairman of the Committee's Commerce, Trade and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee.

For those who know him, Jack was born in Humble, Texas, on February 3, 1952. His family had lived and has lived on the same plot of land since the 1860s. His family is remarkable. Those who know his dad and for all the contributions, the special place he played in the Humble community; his mom, who was beloved by all; his brother Jess, a distinguished community leader; his wife, Lynn, a top educator/school board member for many years. His whole family is just remarkable. So there is no exception; Jack was, as well.

Jack earned his Bachelor's degree from Baylor in Waco, Texas, in 1974. While attending Baylor, Jack served an unprecedented two terms as school body president and was twice named Outstanding Baylor Man. In 1977, Jack earned his law degree from Baylor Law School and for 9 years has served as a Baylor University trustee. As one would imagine, he is a little partial to the Baylor Bears.

Jack served as a member of the Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee from 1985 until his retirement. During his years of service he had maintained jurisdiction over international and interstate telecommunications. It oversaw the Federal Communications Commission, as well as the telephone, cellular, cable and broadcast industries, among others. It also worked on issues at the Security and Exchange Commission, as well as activities of investment bankers, stock brokers, investment advisers, stock exchanges, and the mutual fund industry.

As subcommittee chairman in 1995, Jack Fields led the effort in the House to enact the first comprehensive reform of the Communications Act of 1934 in more than 6 decades, the measure promoting greater competition in all telecommunications-related industries. Congress passed the legislation, and President Clinton signed it into law in February of 1996.

As subcommittee chairman, Jack's efforts led to passage of the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996, which protects investors while also promoting greater efficiency and capital formation in the financial markets. Jack also played a critical role in passing the Securities Litigation Reform Act that reforms the Federal civil

justice system regarding private securities litigation.

He has been nothing close to retired since he left Congress. He has set up his own firm, has stayed involved in his ranching and timber interests. He opened the 21st Century Group, a Washington-based governmental affairs firm. He sits on the board of directors of AIM Mutual funds, the eighth largest mutual fund company in the United States; and Administaff, a premier professional employer organization with clients nationwide, based in Kingwood.

In addition, he sits on the board of the Discovery Channel Global Education Fund, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing education resources to people in need throughout the world through the use of technology.

Let me close with this: Jack Fields served for 16 years with distinction and integrity, with firm, conservative principles. He was a champion for veterans, a champion for small business, a champion for the second amendment and for family values, which he lived each day of his life. He reached across the aisle to work with Members and became close friends with former Congressman Mickey Leland. They worked together on issues related to poverty and hunger throughout the world.

I am so proud to serve in the seat that Jack Fields held for 16 years. The citizens of Humble and Kingwood in the Eighth Congressional District join me in honoring Jack Fields in naming the post office in Kingwood after him so that future generations within our community will know Jack Fields's service to Texas, service to Humble, Kingwood, and service to our great Nation. I am proud to be part of this effort.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE).

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of this resolution to name the post office in Kingwood, Texas, after our former colleague, a man I am proud to call a friend, Jack Fields. He is certainly deserving of this honor.

As a Member of the House of Representatives, Jack embodied the finest qualities of public service. He was diligent and hard working on behalf of his constituents. But he also distinguished himself through the courtesy with which he treated colleagues of both parties. He reached across the aisle to form friendships with our late colleague, who served with me in the Congressional Black Caucus, Mickey Leland of Houston, Texas. In an era where there was too little emphasis on civility, Jack never lost the sense of decorum or his ability to respect the opinion of others.

While Jack is best known for his leadership in enacting key legislation

in telecommunications as chairman of the Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, he has also used his expertise to advocate for the continent of Africa. During his tenure, I had the pleasure of traveling to South Africa with Jack on a trip organized by the newly formed, at that time, Discovery Channel Global Education Fund. We have served together as board members of the fund, which provides schools and community centers in underserved areas with televisions, VCRs, satellite technology, teacher training, and the ongoing delivery of relevant video programming. The organization, which reaches over 130,000 children and their communities throughout South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Mexico, and Peru, is expanding now into Romania, Angola, India, Namibia, and Afghanistan.

Jack's work on telecommunications issues in Congress sparked an interest in his using the latest technology to improve education in rural villages through distance learning and other innovations. After Congressman Mickey Leland's untimely death, Jack honored him by introducing legislation in his name to improve the quality of life for children in Africa by improving access to worldwide educational resources through satellite technology.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to support this bill, and I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating our former colleague and a terrific human being, Jack Fields, on achieving this great distinction.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER).

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

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time to pay tribute to Jack Fields today.

While Jack and I never served together in this distinguished body, I am well aware of the distinguished career that he had here in Congress for 16 years and the contributions he made to our great State of Texas. Whether he was playing a major role in passing the landmark Communications Act of 1996 or his reputation for excellent constituent service to the people back home that took care of him and he took care of constantly, Jack set the pace and standard for each of us who have followed him to Congress.

Jack was the epitome of a Congressman who worked in a bipartisan manner, except when he was playing third base for the GOP in the annual congressional baseball game or was the "short but slow" power forward in the congressional basketball game.

I thank Jack for his service to Texas and to the United States Congress. This recognition today is well deserved.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY).

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

I also join in support of this tribute to Jack Fields, with whom I did serve. He is certainly very deserving of this tribute.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BOYD).

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for yielding me time.

I will not take long. I think many Members have been here talking about Jack Fields and folks that served with him. I, like the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY), did not have the opportunity to serve with him, but I have gotten to know him quite well.

I first heard about him when I was in the State legislature working in Florida and we were doing a rewrite of the telecommunications law. We knew that Jack Fields was the subcommittee chairman and would ultimately take some of what we did and use it as a model. At least we hoped he would.

After I got here and got to know Jack Fields, then I began to understand what people were saying about him and what you heard here today about what a broad-reaching gentleman he was, not only in terms of the legislation that he worked on but also in his friends on both sides of the aisle.

He just always has done a great job. He has been involved in so many different kinds of legislation, telecommunications, environmental policy, national security improvements and many, many other issues in his 16-year career.

I am glad to come today and support this legislation which will honor Jack Fields.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. HONDA).

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Illinois for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4232, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4025 Feather Lakes Way in Kingwood, Texas, as the "Congressman Jack Fields Post Office." I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Jack Field's accomplishments and life of dedicated public service.

In 1981, Jack was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives by the voters of Texas Eighth Congressional District. During his 16 years as a Member of the House, Jack distinguished himself as a statesman and a leader, earning an impressive legislative record.

As chairman of the House Committee on Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Jack led the effort in the House to enact the first comprehensive reform of the Communications Act of 1934, legislation that was designed to promote competition in all telecommunications-related industries

and create an environment in which new telecommunications technologies could flourish.

This act, known as the Telecommunications Act of 1996, was signed into law by President Clinton. It is widely acknowledged that this legislation encouraged the extraordinary innovation and growth in telecommunications and Internet service.

While serving as the ranking member on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Jack was instrumental in overhauling our Nation's oil spill liability laws in the wake of the Exxon Valdez accident in Alaska. He also advocated for the protection of endangered species and wetlands; fisheries and wildlife refuges; promotion of American ports and Merchant Marine and the safety of the cruise ship industry.

Following his retirement from Congress in 1997, Jack opened two companies, Twenty-First Century Group, Inc., a Washington, D.C., based governmental affairs and strategic planning company, and Texana Global, Inc., an international trade corporation headquartered in his hometown of Humble, Texas. Jack also continues to serve as vice president of Rosewood Memorial Park and Funeral Home, which his family has owned and operated since the 1930s.

Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to congratulate Jack on the contributions he has made and strongly encourage my colleagues to support this legislation in recognition of his significant contributions to this country.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. NAPOLITANO).

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, as you have heard, there have been very many accolades directed at Jack Fields, former Member of Congress. I would like to repeat them all, but time is short.

I have got to say that I have met the gentleman. I have heard of his accomplishments. I have been able to work with his staff. And I can tell you that he really, truly is a dedicated public servant. I am very happy to lend my support, and I trust that my colleagues will join us, as this was truly a person dedicated to representing his district and the people of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support passage of the bill, H.R. 4232, that will name the Jack Fields Post Office in the City of Kingwood, Texas.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) for his indulgence, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a friend and former colleague, Jack Fields of Texas. Today the House has designated a post office in Jack's home state of Texas the "Congressman Jack Fields Post Office." On the House Floor this afternoon, we're naming

a post office for a man who always knew how to deliver for his constituents. This is a fitting tribute to a gifted legislator who represented the 8th Congressional District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1980 to 1996.

I was proud to serve with Jack on the Committee on Commerce from 1982 to 1996. In 1995, Jack became the Chairman of the Committee's Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance. As the Subcommittee's Ranking Member, I worked closely with Jack on the first comprehensive reform of the Communications Act of 1934—The Telecommunications Act of 1996—which was designed to encourage competition in all telecommunications-related industries and create an environment in which new telecommunications technologies could thrive. President Clinton signed the bill into law in February 1996.

Jack was a trusted colleague. More importantly, he was, and is, one of my best friends. He was a master legislator and a master basketball player. On the House Floor or on the basketball floor, he was always an MVP. He worked across party lines to move legislation forward that benefited the American people. He has retired from Congress, but his distinguished legacy remains.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker I rise today in support of H.R. 4232, which would designate the U.S. Postal Service located at 4025 Feather Lakes Way in Kingswood, Texas as the "Congressman Jack Fields Post Office."

Congressman Jack Fields was born in Humble, Texas. He received his bachelor of arts and his law degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas and was admitted to the Texas bar in 1977. He served as a Member of Congress from 1981 to 1997. During his tenure in Congress he served as Chairman of the House Telecommunications Act of 1934, which was passed as the 1996 Telecommunications Act. He was also instrumental in re-writing the National Securities Market Improvement Act of 1996 and the Securities Litigation Reform Act.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be here today to pay tribute to a friend and former Colleague, Jack Fields, as I rise in strong support of this Bill. Although I only had the pleasure of serving 1 term with Congressman Fields we developed an immediate and lasting friendship that has only strengthened as time has passed. I count myself fortunate to have served that 1 term with him.

Congressman Fields blessed the 8th congressional district of Texas with 16 years of service through his constant dedication to his constituents and determination to do what was right. He was a role model both in his district, the State of Texas, and here in Congress. He worked tirelessly for his constituents and our great Nation and he was, and is, a truly great American.

I have many fond memories of the two years we worked together, but probably the one most important thing I remember about Congressman Fields was his willingness and ability to cross the aisle. Congressman Fields was a strong Republican, yet that did not prevent him from engaging and working with Democrats on a range of topics. For Congressman Fields there were many issues that were larger and more important than partisanship. Congressman Fields truly was a man of honor and dignity.

In fact, I look back at these days with a sense of nostalgia, when Democrats and Republicans would and could work together to get things done. The most important thing for Congressman Fields was to take every effort to move towards a better America. It wasn't partisanship, or special interests, his goal was to help the 8th congressional district of Texas, the State of Texas, and the United States of America. I truly believe that the 108th Congress would work much better if we had more men and women like Congressman Jack Fields. He had the ability to look beyond partisanship to the real issues that were facing our country and take them on head first.

And so I support this bill with open arms. Congressman Fields is a great friend, a loyal ally, and true gentleman. Supporting this bill is the least we can do to honor the truly excellent and distinguished career of Congressman Jack Fields.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers, and I urge passage of this bill to honor our good friend and colleague, Congressman Jack Fields.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4232.

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.

IRMA RANGEL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4829) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 East Kleberg in Kingsville, Texas, as the "Irma Rangel Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4829

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF IRMA RANGEL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 East Kleberg in Kingsville, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Irma Rangel 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 "Irma Rangel Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members