

one of Louisiana's political legends, John Hainkel, Jr. I commend my colleague for sponsoring this measure and urge swift passage.

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

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JINDAL), the author of H.R. 2346.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise both with a grateful and also a heavy heart. I rise with a grateful heart and I want to thank my colleagues for their speedy consideration of this resolution. I rise with a heavy heart because of the untimely passing of not only a colleague, but a friend.

I first met John Hainkel well over a decade ago, and at that point he had already been involved in elected politics for well over three decades. Senator Hainkel, as you already heard, accomplished many significant things in his public career. Indeed, he was the only person in Louisiana's history to be elected both speaker of the house and president of our senate.

His broad-based appeal, however, extended beyond party lines. He was elected as speaker of the house, serving as a Democrat, with the active support of Louisiana's first Republican Governor elected in modern times. He then went on to serve, when I first met him, as chairman of the senate budget committee as a Republican, even though two-thirds of the senate at that time was comprised of Democrats. Indeed, when he served as president of the senate as a Republican, two-thirds of the senate in Louisiana at the time was comprised of Democratic members. I think that fact alone shows his bipartisan support, his broad appeal to many senators and representatives.

The reason he commanded such respect was the fact that he brought integrity, the fact he brought humor, wit, the fact that he brought fashion to the daily legislative tasks.

But John was more than just a senator, he was more than just a legislator. Indeed, he was very accomplished in those arenas. Senator Hainkel not only worked with Pat Taylor to bring about Louisiana's TOPS bill, which provides access for students to higher education, but he championed many budget reforms, helping to turn deficits into surpluses, helping to reform our State's health care system and helping to revive our State's economy.

But his accomplishments outside the legislature were almost as noteworthy as his accomplishments inside the legislature. John was also not only a dedicated senator, a dedicated representative, he was also a dedicated Tulane fan. I know that he watched from above as his Green Wave served him well in Omaha and went on to do so well in the College World Series. I know that he will still be watching

them season after season, just with slightly better seats than he had before.

Indeed, Senator Hainkel was known for his friendship and was known for reaching out to new members of the bodies in which he served, to new members of the administration. He truly brought a passion and an attitude of public servant leadership that too often is missing from our elected halls. He brought a spirit of bipartisanship, a spirit of love for his home State of Louisiana.

Several things have been said about Senator Hainkel and the years of service he offered my State. I also want to note that he is survived by his son, John J. Hainkel, III, his daughter, Juliet Hainkel Holton, his other daughter, Alida Hainkel Furr, and by five grandchildren. I know his family brought him much joy. I know they, like I, am very saddened by his untimely and his early departure.

It is hard, it would be really impossible, to overstate the amount of affection and respect that Senator Hainkel engendered not only in his home district, but the home State of Louisiana. Whether you were with him or against him on a particular legislation, and I was in both places, whether you were with him or against him in a particular election, and I was in both places, he was always a worthy friend and a worthy opponent.

I can certainly think of nothing that would be more appropriate than naming, at least as a small tribute to him, this post office in Hammond, Louisiana, that was within the district he represented in the senate. Indeed, there is a spirited election to replace him now. Two very distinguished women are seeking that post. Though either one of them will serve well, neither of them will be truly able to succeed and replace the giant that was John Hainkel.

I want to thank my colleagues again for their support.

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

Mr. Speaker, I simply urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 2436.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RADANOVICH). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2346, as amended.

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

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the 'John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAYOR JOSEPH S. DADDONA MEMORIAL POST OFFICE

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2490) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Mayor Joseph S. Daddona Memorial Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2490

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

SECTION 1. MAYOR JOSEPH S. DADDONA MEMORIAL POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Mayor Joseph S. Daddona Memorial 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 "Mayor Joseph S. Daddona Memorial Post Office".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DENT. 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 H.R. 2490.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2490 honors Joseph S. Daddona for his respected service to the community, my hometown, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Daddona was born in 1933, the son of Italian American immigrants. He grew up in the Second Ward of Allentown, in an ethnically diverse neighborhood.

Too poor to attend college after graduating from what was then Allentown High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country during the Korean War. After safely returning from overseas, Mr. Daddona put himself through Lehigh University and received an engineering degree.

Although he began his career as a planning engineer for the Western Electric Company, he found himself increasingly drawn to politics in the City of Allentown. In the mid-1960s, as a member of the Allentown Jaycees, Joe Daddona spearheaded the effort to create a Charter Study Commission for the city. He subsequently won a seat on that commission, helped draft the city's strong mayor form of government, and later served a term as an Allentown city councilman.

In 1973, Daddona was elected mayor for the first time. During his tenure,

Allentown was designated an All-American City, one of his proudest accomplishments and something he spoke of often. He stood for reelection in 1977, but lost by 121 votes. Undeterred, Joe Daddona ran again in 1981 and won. He also triumphed in 1985 and 1993, making him the longest serving mayor in the city's history, along with Malcolm W. Gross.

Mayor Daddona's other endeavors include establishing parks, fire stations, and high-rise apartments for the elderly. He also improved environmental conditions at the local sewage treatment facility and was responsible for numerous modifications to local traffic patterns.

Daddona was a relentless booster for the city of Allentown. He was constantly in touch with his constituents and worked tirelessly to solve neighborhood problems. He loved to show off the city during Super Sunday and May-fair events.

After his political career ended, he appeared on various local television and radio shows, in part to extol the virtues of the city. Daddona died after a long battle with cancer on June 5, 2004. He is survived by his wife Ann and their children.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 2490 in recognition and memory of my friend, the late Mayor Joe Daddona.

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. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 2490, legislation naming the postal facility in Allentown, Pennsylvania, after the late Joseph S. Daddona, the former mayor of Allentown.

This measure, which was introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) on May 19, 2005 and unanimously reported by our committee on June 16, 2005, enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the entire Pennsylvania delegation.

Born and raised in Allentown, Joseph Daddona served 8 years in the U.S. Navy during and after the Korean War. From 1966 to 1994, he served as the mayor of Allentown, the longest serving mayor in the town's history. As mayor, Joseph worked hard to improve the lives of his constituents. He established parks, housing for seniors, and improved environmental conditions.

Sadly, he passed away last June.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for seeking to honor the legacy of Joseph Daddona and urge swift passage of this bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank all my colleagues for their support of this effort to honor my late friend, Joe Daddona.

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 Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2490.

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.

COMMEMORATING MYSTIC SEAPORT: THE MUSEUM OF AMERICA AND THE SEA IN RECOGNITION OF ITS 75TH YEAR

Mr. FORTUNA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 152) commemorating Mystic Seaport: the Museum of America and the Sea in recognition of its 75th year, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. Con. Res. 152

Whereas Mystic Seaport: the Museum of America and the Sea was founded as the Marine Historical Association on December 29, 1929, to preserve, protect, and honor the legacy of America's great maritime tradition and culture;

Whereas Mystic Seaport has grown into the largest, most diverse maritime museum, and the fourth largest history museum, in the Nation;

Whereas the mission of Mystic Seaport is to create a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of America's relationship to the sea and the impact of that relationship upon us as individuals and as a Nation;

Whereas the collections of Mystic Seaport include four National Historic Landmark vessels including the CHARLES W. MORGAN, the last wooden whaling ship in the world; the LA DUNTON, one of the few remaining fishing schooners of its era; the SABINO, one of the last coal-fired, steam ships still in operation; and the EMMA C. BERRY, an 1866 wooden fishing vessel;

Whereas Mystic Seaport also maintains the largest collection of watercraft in the nation with more than 500 vessels representing sail, oar, paddle and engine-powered boats spanning 2 centuries of history;

Whereas Mystic Seaport also features the Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard as a live working facility that showcases and interprets the art of shipbuilding and restoration, including the restoration of its iconic National Historic Landmark vessels;

Whereas Mystic Seaport put the Preservation Shipyard to its highest and best use in replicating the schooner AMISTAD in full public view, demonstrating its claim that Mystic Seaport is the only museum in the world that can build a large wooden vessel from the keel up and launch it as part of a comprehensive museum experience;

Whereas the Collections Research Center of Mystic Seaport houses 75,000 maritime artifacts, more than one million photographs, and 1.5 million feet of film, and is a dynamic national maritime research facility;

Whereas the G.W. Blunt White Library is one of the largest and most thoroughly catalogued and accessible collections of marine and maritime research material in the world;

Whereas Mystic Seaport also features a representative 19th-century New England coastal village featuring skilled tradesmen and live interpretation to engage, educate, and entertain its visitors;

Whereas Mystic Seaport maintains educational and outreach programs for all levels including accredited graduate and undergraduate programs through the Munson Institute and Williams-Mystic, the cooperative Maritime Studies Program of Williams College and Mystic Seaport;

Whereas Mystic Seaport continues to attract more than 300,000 visitors each year and millions of other individuals through its interactive internet web site, demonstrating its role as a vital cultural and educational center;

Whereas more than 1,500 volunteers each year assist 300 professional and support staff in preserving and interpreting the collections of the Mystic Seaport and in delivering its unique programs; and

Whereas Mystic Seaport has recently completed a comprehensive self-study and a strategic program and master plan, and has recommitted itself to its mission with an effort to strengthen its endowment and make its programs more cohesive and compelling: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) commemorates Mystic Seaport: the Museum of America and the Sea in recognition of its 75th year and commends the staff, volunteers, and trustees of the Museum and encourages them in their efforts to create greater awareness of America's relationship to the sea and the profound impact of maritime transportation and commerce upon our Nation's economic growth;

(2) supports Mystic Seaport's presentation of our Nation's Merchant Mariners and shipbuilders whose efforts promoted the expansion of maritime transportation and commerce;

(3) asks all Americans to join in celebrating this milestone for Mystic Seaport and its mission of preserving and interpreting the legacy of American maritime transportation and tradition; and

(4) encourages Mystic Seaport in its efforts to secure the future of its collections and programs and supports its efforts to make those programs even more compelling and engaging.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. Fortuño) and the gentleman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. Fortuño).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FORTUÑO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Con. Res. 152.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H. Con. Res. 152 was introduced by my colleague, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS), and commemorates Mystic Seaport, the Museum of America and the Sea, in recognition of its 75th year. Mystic Seaport was founded in 1929 to preserve, protect, and honor the legacy of America's great tradition and culture.