

together as a team. I am looking forward to continuing our important work to build a better Hawaii in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE,  
Member of Congress.

#### HONORING MARTY MAHAR

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today asking my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4425, which would rename the Lansingburgh Post Office located at 2-116th Street in North Troy to the Martin G. "Marty" Mahar Post Office.

A longtime resident of Troy, Marty Mahar's legacy was one defined by his unwavering commitment to public service. Returning home as both a celebrated and decorated World War II veteran, earning four Battle Stars, Marty's desire to stay active within veterans organizations led him to become a National Service Officer.

He was extremely effective at combining his military professionalism and consideration for his fellow soldiers with countless hours of information and counseling sessions to ensure that veterans experienced a smooth transition back into civilian life. Marty's commitment to serving his country led him to becoming both a life member of the VFW and Military Order of the Purple Heart as well as a Veterans Hall of Fame honoree in 2005.

Apart from the time spent with the military, Marty is also honored for his civic duties on the local and State levels. The desire to give back to his community was a hallmark of Marty's character. Such an attitude helped in his push to found the Troy Patriot's Pop Warner football league, the Uncle Sam Parade committee, the Troy Flag Day parade and more. He was president of the New York State Association of City Councils and a city councilman in Troy for a decade as well as serving as its mayor.

Marty was truly a public servant whose leadership and selflessness should be a model for us all. From his dedication in serving our country as a marine during World War II to his service in the Postal Service and our community, I am honored to take a lead role in renaming this post office in Marty's honor. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring this extraordinary public servant by voting "yes" on H.R. 4425.

#### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE DO WITH LESS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, American taxpayers are wondering how another year of trillion-dollar government deficits is going to help get our economy humming again. We've seen a

costly stimulus package that didn't create the jobs that were promised. Then it was a trillion-dollar health care bill that was more about Washington control than giving patients the control they want. And recently Congress increased the national debt limit by \$1.9 trillion to pay for its record-breaking spending spree over the past 12 months.

So it comes as no surprise that today the White House unveiled a new trillion-dollar health care bill that is even more expensive than the Senate bill it was supposed to improve upon.

When will Washington get it? Americans are making do with less. Shouldn't the Federal Government they pay for at least do the same?

#### RECLAIMING AMERICA'S GREATNESS

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, a New York Times columnist who is revered by liberal Democrats recently wrote, "We've always known that America's reign as the world's greatest nation would eventually end."

This may be the logical conclusion if we follow President Obama's policies, but it doesn't have to be true. We can reclaim America's greatness—not lose it—if we focus on creating jobs in the private sector, not the government; reducing the deficit, not doubling it; providing health care to the long-term, low-income uninsured, not mandating a government takeover; and treating terrorists like terrorists, not local bank robbers.

Let's listen to the American people and get our financial house in order and our priorities straight. Then we will stay the greatest nation.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I, as many of my colleagues, have just returned from my district. During that time, I had two town hall meetings and numerous individual meetings with members of my constituency; and one thing was abundantly clear.

On the subject of health care, overwhelmingly they told me to bring this message back to Washington, D.C.:

Stop what you're doing, scrap the House bill, scrap the Senate bill and start over.

Interestingly enough, national polls show that's the national sentiment. By about 61 or 62 to 28, at least, the American people are telling us, Back off, scrap what you've done, start over again.

They're not asking for the status quo but they're asking for incremental ap-

proaches, and many of the things that Republicans have talked about are what the people are asking for.

Yet today, I was very disappointed to see the President has decided to ignore the American people. His message to the American people at least coming out from the White House today is:

Forget what you say. You're not smart enough to figure this out. We know better. We're going to forge ahead.

Madam Speaker, let's listen to the American people.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### MARTIN G. "MARTY" MAHAR POST OFFICE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4425) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4425

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

#### SECTION 1. MARTIN G. "MARTY" MAHAR POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar 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 "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add any extraneous materials.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, as chairman of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction over the United States Postal Service, I am pleased to present H.R. 4425 for consideration. This legislation if adopted will designate the United States Postal Service facility located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the Martin G. "Marty" Mahar Post Office.

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This legislation has been introduced by my colleague and friend Representative PAUL TONKO of New York, and I would like to yield to him such time as he may consume in presenting this resolution.

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, Representative LYNCH has been a big help in making certain that we could move forward with a request from one of my local communities. Obviously, we honor, by renaming the post office at 116th Street in North Troy, the memory of Marty Mahar who served this country so well. Certainly he is a public servant who can be held up as a model for this Nation, one who has an outstanding track record of service to this Nation's military, taking and assisting the veterans as they return to our communities, working with them, having earned so much recognition and honor from his service to country. He was also just understood to be that voice for veterans who worked so steadfastly to make certain that they had a welcome home and that they were finding the services that were intended for them to be brought right to the doorstep.

Also, he has so many distinguished bids of service. He is honored for his civic duties, the sense that he cherished Troy and cherishes Troy at the local and State levels, recognized as president of the New York State Association of City Councils, having served as a city council member of Troy and then eventually as mayor.

All of these issues are why this recognition and the renaming of the post office is so worthy and so justified. He is a model for all. His dedication to this country and certainly his work servicing the Postal Service is just a sense of his love and devotion for Troy. The people of the community honor him in this very splendid fashion. They enable him to be held as that esteemed leader. And the work here done under H.R. 4425 is, I think, a very justified effort to rename the 116th Street post office in North Troy, which carries much pride to it—North Troy—the Martin G. "Marty" Mahar Post Office.

And I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts, Representative LYNCH, again for the work done through the subcommittee and the committee to make this possible today. I would strongly encourage all of our colleagues to support H.R. 4425 with a resounding "yes" vote.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H.R. 4425 which designates the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the Martin G. "Marty" Mahar Post Office.

Martin G. "Marty" Mahar was born and resided in Troy, New York, prior to World War II. After war was declared, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, where he served as a paratrooper in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. During his military service, he earned four Battle Stars, a Presidential Unit Citation, and a Purple Heart in recognition of the severe injuries that he sustained while fighting in Iwo Jima.

After returning home to Troy from the war, Mr. Mahar worked for the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier for nearly 30 years and always stayed active within veterans organizations. His leadership and dedication led him to become a national service officer and a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, where he served as the organization's State legislative director. For his commitment to serving his country, he was also inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame in its inaugural class.

Apart from his time spent with veterans organizations, he had a desire to give back to his community of Troy. He was a driving force behind starting the Troy Patriots Pop Warner Football League, the Uncle Sam Parade Committee and the Troy Flag Day Parade. He was president of the New York State Association of City Councils. He served on the Troy City Council for 10 years and was then elected the mayor of Troy.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Mahar's dedication to his country and the Troy community has been an inspiration. I ask my colleagues to support this resolution so that his community may remember his work for years to come.

With that, Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, Marty Mahar was truly an extraordinary American, and as my colleague has so eloquently described, his life was really a shining example of the possibilities of the American Dream. Marty Mahar, as has been noted, began his long-standing commitment to public service as a member of the United States Marine Corps during World War II. As a paratrooper in the Asiatic-Pacific theater, Mayor Mahar earned his four Battle Stars, as has been mentioned, through heroic service on the island of Iwo Jima. He received a Presidential Unit Citation and a Purple Heart in recognition of that service, and serious injuries were sustained during that combat. Mayor Mahar's meritorious service to our Nation was further recognized in December of 2005 as he was inducted into the inaugural class of the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame, following his nomination by Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno.

After his tour of duty in World War II, Mayor Mahar returned home to serve his community in a civilian ca-

capacity as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service and a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers. It is fitting that this letter carrier will now have the local post office in North Troy named after him. I can think of no greater tribute to this man, as his active membership with the letter carriers spans 51 years.

Following his tenure with the United States Postal Service, Mayor Mahar continued his commitment to serving his community as a highly regarded elected official. Specifically, Mayor Mahar's political career included service as a member of the Troy City Council for 10 years, deputy mayor of Troy for 2 years, and, ultimately, mayor of his beloved hometown from 1990 to 1991. Additionally, Mayor Mahar served on a variety of local community organizations and committees in fulfillment of his lifelong commitment to addressing the needs of America's military veterans and improving the lives of all Troy's citizens.

Included among Mayor Mahar's various community service positions were his chairmanship of the City of Troy Veterans Committee, his membership on the Legislative Committee for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, his tenure as youth activities director for the Department of New York VFW, and his membership on the National World War II Monument Committee here in Washington, D.C. Mayor Mahar will forever be remembered by the city of Troy as the founder of the Troy Flag Day Parade, which many regard as the largest parade in the Nation in honor of the American flag.

Madam Speaker, while, regrettably, Mayor Mahar passed away in October of 2007, his lifelong dedication to public service, to America's military veterans, and to the city of Troy will ensure that his legacy will never be forgotten. The life of Mayor Martin G. Mahar stands as a testament to public service, and it's my hope that we can honor this dedicated and remarkable American through the passage of this legislation to designate the North Troy post office in his honor.

I have no further speakers on this side, but I will continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 4425 and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. I thank the gentlelady from North Carolina for her remarks, and I encourage my colleagues to join with Mr. TONKO, the lead sponsor of this resolution, H.R. 4425.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4425.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam 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.

#### W.D. FARR POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4238) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the "W.D. Farr Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4238

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

#### SECTION 1. W.D. FARR POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, shall be known and designated as the "W.D. Farr 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 "W.D. Farr Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to add any extraneous materials.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I now yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, as chairman of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction over the United States Postal Service, I am pleased to present H.R. 4238 for consideration. This legislation will designate the United States Postal Service facility located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the W.D. Farr Post Office Building. This resolution has been introduced by my colleague Representative BETSY MARKEY of Colorado on December 8, 2009.

H.R. 4238 was favorably reported out of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee on January 27, 2010, by unanimous consent. In addition to Representative MARKEY, H.R. 4238 enjoys the support of the entire Colorado House delegation.

Because Ms. MARKEY is the chief sponsor of this resolution, I will yield to her for such time as she may need to lay forth the details of this resolution.

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4238, a bill to designate a facility in Greeley as the W.D. Farr Post Office Building.

During his lifetime, W.D. Farr was a pioneer rancher, water expert, and banker who made immense contributions to Greeley, helping make the city what it is today. William Davin Farr was a third-generation Coloradan, born in Greeley in 1910. Farr came from an established farming family. He grew up working with sheep and cattle on the family farm. In 1931, Farr and his father bought 125 cattle and built a feed lot in Greeley, Farr Feeders. By the late 1960s, the Farr feed yard had grown to about 25,000 head of cattle.

While working on the farm and at the feed lot, he became involved with several irrigation ditch companies. Through his work in irrigation, he came to understand the importance of water to the continued growth of the Greeley community. Farr then became active with the Colorado Big Thompson Water Project, which brings water from the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains to help irrigate approximately 693,000 acres of northeastern Colorado farmland. Farr later came to serve on the board of directors of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and the Greeley Water Board for over 40 years.

In addition to his many achievements in agriculture and water, Farr was also active in government, both local and national. He served as an adviser to the U.S. Department of Agriculture under three U.S. Presidents: Harry Truman, John F. Kennedy, and Richard Nixon.

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He served on a number of national boards and committees, including the Department of the Interior Water Pollution Control Advisory Board and the Agricultural Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The land on which this post office was built was owned by another Greeley agricultural pioneer, C.O. Plumb. Upon his death, Plumb donated his home and land just south of the W.D. Farr Post Office to the Greeley Museums for use as an agricultural learning center. Both men made significant contributions to the agricultural and social vitality of Weld County.

In 2007, W.D. Farr passed away at his home in Greeley at the age of 97. Farr and his family have made innumerable contributions to the Greeley community as well as to Colorado and to the United States.

I am proud to stand in support of this bill that would name one of the post offices in Greeley after this pillar of the community.

Ms. FOXX. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4238, which designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in

Greeley, Colorado as the W.D. Farr Post Office Building.

William Davin "W.D." Farr was once described by the president of Colorado State University as "one of the true giants in Colorado history and in the history of the modern American West."

Mr. Farr was born in Greeley, Colorado, in 1910 and was proudly a third-generation Coloradan, pioneer rancher, statesman, and banker. When he was 15 years old, he began working on a cattle ranch in western Colorado. This job was the first of many during his lifetime of work in agriculture. As he became more involved in ranching, he looked at many ways to improve and develop the business of cattle feeding. He was famous for his Greeley T-Bone Club, where he and several other ranchers in Greeley would have a steak dinner and discuss ways they could improve cattle ranching. One of his first inventions helped aid cattle ranchers by making the cattle feeding process significantly more efficient and less wasteful.

During his work in the cattle industry, he became very involved in bringing water to dry regions of Colorado. He did extensive work on behalf of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project, which delivered water from the Colorado River to various regions of Colorado that needed water. His work on water development projects greatly helped the economy of Colorado and the entire region.

Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Farr received many honors. He was inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame in 1991. The National Western Stock Show in Denver honored him as Citizen of the West in 1999, and he was inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners in 2007.

W.D. Farr was a leader and an innovator in agriculture, and his work was essential to the development of Colorado and the Western United States in the 20th century.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution so that his life may be remembered for generations in the future in his hometown of Greeley.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 4238.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I just wish to associate myself with the remarks of the gentlelady of North Carolina and with the remarks of the chief sponsor of this legislation, the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. MARKEY). Truly, Mr. Farr was an extraordinary individual.

We have no further speakers on our side on this matter. Madam Speaker, I simply ask all Members to support Ms. MARKEY in support of this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4238.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.