

I rise today in support of H. Res. 1494, and ask for support of the bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as she may consume to our colleague from Ohio, the sponsor of the bill, Representative BETTY SUTTON.

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anamika Veeramani of North Royalton, Ohio. Anamika is a resident of the 13th Congressional District of Ohio, which I am so honored to represent. Anamika won the 83rd Scripps National Spelling Bee championship on Friday, June 4, 2010, and she brings back to Ohio the first national spelling bee title since 1964.

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The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the largest and longest-running educational promotion in the United States and is administered by the E.W. Scripps Company located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Anamika put in the hard work necessary to achieve this great accomplishment. By working hard, students learn that anything is possible, including spelling difficult and complex words. She won the Plain Dealer Cuyahoga County Scripps Spelling Bee on March 6 for the second year in the row. By winning the spelling bee in northeast Ohio, Anamika advanced to the national competition here in Washington, D.C.

To win the title, Anamika correctly spelled the name of a tool that measures the speed of blood through an artery called "stromuhr."

With opportunities like the Scripps National Spelling Bee, children are given the chance to learn and succeed and build the confidence that they need moving forward. By winning the bee, she won \$30,000 and a trophy from Scripps, a \$5,000 scholarship from Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation, a \$2,500 savings bond from Merriam-Webster, and more than \$3,500 worth of reference material from Encyclopedia Britannica and Merriam-Webster.

These winnings will help her reach for her dream of attending college and one day becoming a cardiovascular surgeon, and perhaps she will have a head start on her colleagues, knowing how to clearly say and spell "stromuhr." With the kind of hard work and dedication she showed in this competition, anything is within her reach. I would like to congratulate Anamika on this terrific achievement.

I would also like to recognize all the finalists, Adrian Gunawan, Elizabeth Platz, Shantanu Srivatsa, Laura Newcombe, Lanson Tang, Joanna Ye, and Andrew Grose. And congratulations are due to all the students who participated in the spelling bee.

I want to applaud also all of the teachers, parents, and students for their commitment to this great program.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the participants in the Scripps Na-

tional Spelling Bee and to particularly congratulate my constituent, Mr. Lanson Tang of Potomac, Maryland, who tied for fifth place in the competition.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's oldest educational promotion, now in its 83rd year. Through spelling, students increase their vocabularies and improve English usage, skills that will stay with them throughout their lives.

I congratulate all the participants, especially my constituent, Lanson Tang, a homeschooled student from Potomac, Maryland. Lanson made it to the seventh of nine rounds in the competition, correctly spelling words like "rhabdomyoma," "obelisk," and "flabellum." He has made our community proud. I also want to thank the Fourth Presbyterian School in Potomac for hosting the Montgomery County Regional Spelling Bee for the second year in a row this year.

All of the spellers this year should be proud of their outstanding accomplishments. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations to these terrific students.

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1494, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TOM KONGSGAARD POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6237) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the "Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building," as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6237

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

SECTION 1. TOM KONGSGAARD POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, shall be known and designated as the "Tom Kongsgaard 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 "Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to present H.R. 6237 for consideration. This legislation will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building. Introduced by our colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON of California on September 28, 2010, H.R. 6237 enjoys the support of the entire California House delegation.

Born on June 3, 1921, in Everett, Washington, a son of Norwegian immigrants, Judge Thomas Kongsgaard began his longstanding commitment to public service by enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Fighting in the war, Judge Kongsgaard was severely injured, leaving him with a replacement leg. He served in the Pacific theater and at the end of the war was stationed at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

Judge Kongsgaard began his judicial career as a Napa Superior Court judge, 9 years after receiving his law degree from Stanford University. He served from 1958 to 1984, missing just 1 day of work in his 26 years. Reflecting on his immigrant roots, he was always especially proud to preside at naturalization ceremonies.

Being an avid student of political history and American culture, Judge Kongsgaard organized the Halls of History project inside the courthouse that recounts Napa County's history in words and photographs.

That courthouse was dubbed "Kongsgaard Square" by the Board of Supervisors in 1984. A bronze plaque cemented to a basalt boulder that sits in a rose garden on the south side of the courthouse takes note of the jurist's distinguished career. It reads: "The Board of Supervisors names this block Kongsgaard Square as a token of esteem for his noble services to the citizens of Napa County."

After retiring, Judge Kongsgaard continued his judicial career as a visiting judge. In 1991, he was appointed by the California Supreme Court to be one of three special masters who recommended a reapportionment plan for the legislature and California Representatives to Congress after the 1990 census.

Although retired, he worked with Judicial Arbitration Mediation Services until the day before he was hospitalized with complications from treatment of leukemia. Regrettably, Judge Kongsgaard died on June 25, 2001, at

the age of 80. He is survived by his daughters, Mary and Martha; son, John; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, let us honor Judge Thomas Kongsgaard for serving both his country and his community through the passage of this bill to designate the 2nd Street post office in Napa in his honor. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 6237.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6237, which is appropriate, seeing I am one of the 52 original cosponsors to the item, and I strongly urge support for the resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 6237, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleness from the District supporting the bill.

Let me just point out as an interesting procedural note, for Mr. THOMPSON to bring this before us he had to get 52 cosponsors. The House rules require that everyone in the State sign on. So where Delaware may only need one or Nevada may need only three Members, those of us in California have a very high threshold we have to fulfill to be able to take this, and Mr. THOMPSON took this action.

It is something that we should all consider in the future: Should this judge be required to have 52 Members of the House cosponsor a bill when someone from another State may need only two or three or four or five? So it is an interesting part of our process here. Some people may say that it is unfair, but it happens to be the House rules, and the Congressmen have to live within those rules.

I strongly support the passage of this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6237, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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SAM SACCO POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6387) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the "Sam Sacco Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6387

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

SECTION 1. SAM SACCO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, shall be known and designated as the "Sam Sacco 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 "Sam Sacco Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to present H.R. 6387 for consideration. This legislation will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the Sam Sacco Post Office Building. Introduced by our colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON of California, on September 29, 2010, H.R. 6387 enjoys the support of the entire California House delegation.

Born and raised in Susanville, California, Sam Sacco moved to Eureka, California, in 1956 with his wife Mary Beth and four children: Sam, Jr.; Joe, Jim, and Lisa. For the next 30 years, Mr. Sacco dedicated his life to serving his community as a local business owner and public official.

As a longtime owner of a Farmers Insurance agency in Eureka, Mr. Sacco also attended to the needs of local families with a warmth and generosity that will not be forgotten. In addition, in 1974, Mr. Sacco was afforded the opportunity to further serve the city of Eureka upon his election as mayor. Throughout his mayoral tenure, which began in 1975 and ended in 1979, Mr. Sacco devoted his attention to advocacy on behalf of the city's working families. Notably, for example, Mr. Sacco worked tirelessly to safeguard the interests of hundreds of local timber industry workers during the expansion of Redwood National Park.

Mr. Speaker, Sam Sacco is well regarded as a model citizen and a dedicated public servant, whose compassion for his local community was larger than life. The life of Sam Sacco stands

as a testament to his public service, and it is our hope that we can honor this remarkable individual through the passage of this legislation to designate the West Clark Street post office in his honor.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 6387.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6387, and I think it is quite appropriate that we pass this bill.

Let me just say, Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of serving as a fellow mayor with Mayor Sam back in the late seventies. We actually served in the League of California Cities together. I just find it interesting that all these years later I stand here on the House floor voting on a post office named after a colleague of mine who, though he lived almost 1,000 miles away, was a fellow mayor in my State at one end, while I was at the southern end.

I would ask that we support H.R. 6387.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask again for support of H.R. 6387.

Seeing that this is our last bill for at least the foreseeable future, I would like to just point out I think there is one thing that all of us have seen, and today probably is a good example, especially those who have been watching.

This process that we have gone through today is one that we have gone back into over the last decade, and a lot of Members have raised the issue, is this the most prudent way of us handling these procedures? I know the gentlewoman from the Federal district has raised issues about how to streamline it and expedite the process.

I think these issues of the resolutions and the way we are naming the post offices are ones that need to be reviewed, and hopefully both sides in the new Congress will be willing to look at this and say, look, historically this type of process has been used to buy time for leadership to be able to try to get individuals to vote their way, not necessarily the way the district constituency wanted them to vote.

I think that this is one place that we should be able to have a frank discussion in January. Hopefully we will see this type of process be put in, let's just say the trash heap of history, and we go to a much more expedited process that talks about substance.

I don't think any of us were very happy with what happened in the last few years while we were doing resolutions and naming post offices while there were major budgetary and financial crises going on. I think we can all agree, especially after what we just went through today, let's try to look in January at having a better process