

an employment handicap prepare for, find, and maintain suitable employment or live more independently.

This bill would replace the terms "employment handicap" and "serious employment handicap" with "employment barrier" and "serious employment barrier."

Historically, the term "handicap" has been associated with disadvantage or burden, which does not accurately reflect our veteran population.

By making this change, we acknowledge the challenges that veterans with service-connected disabilities often face in the job market. Eliminating the stigma associated with these disabilities will encourage more veterans to participate in the VR&E program, ultimately assisting them in preparing for and securing meaningful employment.

The Department of Veterans Affairs requested this change, which has bipartisan support and incurs no cost. I thank Mr. DAVIS for his work on veterans' issues during his time in Congress. I am proud of his work to open doors at the VA for more veterans so they may access the benefits they have earned through their service.

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

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS), my good friend who currently serves on the House Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Agriculture, the sponsor of H.R. 2625.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman BOST and Representative TAKANO for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2625, the Veterans Employment Readiness Yield Act of 2025.

On behalf of the more than 56,000 veterans in North Carolina's First Congressional District, which I am proud to represent, and so many across our country, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this commonsense legislation.

I thank the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. CISCOMANI), who co-led the bill. I also thank the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs for marking it up and moving it forward. Lastly, I thank the Disabled American Veterans and Paralyzed Veterans of America for endorsing this legislation.

H.R. 2625 amends terminology in the Veteran Readiness and Employment program to replace the term "employment handicap" with "employment barrier" and the term "serious employment handicap" with "serious employment barrier," while, most importantly, leaving the definitions unchanged.

The Veteran Readiness and Employment program helps former service-members find jobs and ensure their mental and financial well-being are intact. Updating the terminology will improve efficiency and encourage vet-

erans to use the Veteran Readiness and Employment program.

No veteran should have any discomfort advocating for themselves and seeking help for their service-connected disabilities. We will continue to stay in this fight until every disabled veteran has what they need to get the assistance they have earned.

On behalf of a grateful nation, we can honor those who have given life and limb to serve by passing the VERY Act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to do exactly that, and I thank the chair and the ranking member for yielding time.

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, we passed this bill in the House last Congress, only for the Senate to run out of time. I am hopeful that this year the Senate acts quickly to send this bill directly to the President's desk.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 2625, the Veterans Employment Readiness Yield Act of 2025, and I urge all my colleagues to support it, as well.

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

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 2625, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2625.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Matthew Hanley, one of his secretaries.

ESTABLISHING NEW ZIP CODES

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 672) to establish new ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 672

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

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHING NEW ZIP CODES.

Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the United States Postal Service shall designate a single, unique ZIP Code for each of the following communities:

- (1) Eastvale, California.
- (2) Scotland, Connecticut.
- (3) Cooper City, Florida.
- (4) Miami Lakes, Florida.
- (5) Ocoee, Florida.
- (6) Village of Estero, Florida.
- (7) Urbandale, Iowa.

(8) Mills, Wyoming.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from California (Ms. SIMON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 672 designates single and unique ZIP Codes for communities across the Nation. There are currently over 41,000 ZIP Codes in the United States. In some cases, ZIP Codes are misaligned with local boundaries. H.R. 672 addresses the concerns of various localities and establishes new ZIP Codes for communities across the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART), the bill's sponsor, for putting this bill together.

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

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 672 would require the United States Postal Service to designate unique ZIP Codes for a number of communities across the country. This bill aims to address certain issues related to economic development and public safety regulations and mail delivery.

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For example, Eastvale is a town in southern California that is home to 69,000 residents. It currently shares two ZIP Codes with neighboring jurisdictions.

Without a unique ZIP Code, Eastvale residents have reported mail delivery issues for delivery of legal notices, code enforcement activities, public outreach, and election mail.

Eastvale residents have also reported higher insurance rates because of errors related to another jurisdiction, disrupting their ability to obtain affordable wildfire insurance.

I appreciate the diligence of Congressman DIAZ-BALART, the chair, and the committee staff, and the other Members in ensuring that each town being marked up in today's amendment version of this bill satisfies all the committee's requirements for consideration.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART), the sponsor of the bill.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, let me first start by thanking the chairman and the ranking member for their fine work.

Mr. Speaker, the ranking member already mentioned some of the issues that we are trying to solve with this bill, and there are so many other communities that this bill will help, including Miami Lakes, which I have the privilege to represent.

Mr. Speaker, this is going to be the third time if it passes—and I hope it will—that we pass this bill out of the House. This bill has a Senate companion, and, Mr. Speaker, it is a bipartisan Senate companion. I want to mention the sponsors: Senator RICK SCOTT, Senator JONI ERNST, and Senator ALEX PADILLA.

It deals with a lot of issues that we have already heard about, but it is important to note that those are not small issues for those communities. They are problematic issues.

We have heard from mayors, local elected officials, and constituents for many, many years—I think all of us that this bill is dealing with—but I am referring particularly to Miami Lakes in Miami-Dade County. Unfortunately, the Postal Service has done nothing about it.

Miami Lakes alone has gone through the USPS' boundary review process three times to no avail, which is, again, unfortunate.

While the Postal Service operates, by the way, on a fee-for-service basis and receives no direct appropriations—I want to make sure that everybody understands that—my team, my staff, has talked to the Congressional Budget Office to make sure that there is no score with this. The news is, as I just mentioned, this bill does not score.

I am confident—I sincerely hope, for the people of Miami Lakes and the folks around the country—that the third time will be the charm, that this will become law. I am confident that it will.

I started by thanking the chairman of the committee and his staff. I thank the staff, along with the chairman and the ranking member. I also thank, from my team, Vanessa Scott, who is my staffer who has worked day in and day out. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Speaker, the majority leader, the whip, and all leadership for all they are doing to get this bill to the floor once again. I thank all the Members whose districts this will benefit for their hard work.

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I have no speakers. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN).

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 672 to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for communities across the United States.

H.R. 672, which includes the community of Mills, Wyoming, would resolve longstanding issues that have continually impacted a host of services, ranging from the delivery of mail to confusion for the local fire department and utilities providers, while also complicating economic development.

With mail ZIP Code designation intertwined with Casper, Wyoming, the city has struggled with timely mail delivery, loss of property tax revenue and franchise fees, and incorrect Census counts. Each of these issues poses significant challenges for Mills as it continues to grow, develop, and attract new residents across Wyoming and beyond.

Passage of this bill will go a long way to correct this oversight, not only for Mills but for communities nationwide.

The city of Mills has been a tireless advocate for this legislation, and I am immensely proud to be a cosponsor.

I thank Representative DIAZ-BALART and Chairman COMER for their steadfast leadership on this critically important issue, and I support this legislation to resolve these issues for my constituents in Mills.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 672.

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time, and I am prepared to close.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 672, 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.

SINGLE, UNIQUE ZIP CODES FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITIES

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3095) to direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3095

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

SECTION 1. SINGLE, UNIQUE ZIP CODES FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITIES.

Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the United States Postal Service shall designate a single, unique ZIP Code for each of the following communities:

- (1) Canyon Lake, California.
- (2) Hidden Hills, California.
- (3) Industry, California.
- (4) North Tustin, California.
- (5) Tehachapi, California.
- (6) Castle Pines, Colorado.
- (7) Centennial, Colorado.
- (8) Cherry Hills Village, Colorado.
- (9) Greenwood Village, Colorado.
- (10) Highlands Ranch, Colorado.
- (11) Keystone, Colorado.

- (12) Lone Tree, Colorado.
- (13) Mountain Village, Colorado.
- (14) Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado.
- (15) Severance, Colorado.
- (16) Silver Cliff, Colorado.
- (17) Sterling Ranch, Colorado.
- (18) Superior, Colorado.
- (19) Telluride, Colorado.
- (20) Oakland Park, Florida.
- (21) Lighthouse Point, Florida.
- (22) Coconut Creek, Florida.
- (23) Parkland, Florida.
- (24) Deerfield Beach, Florida.
- (25) Wilton Manors, Florida.
- (26) Burr Ridge, Illinois.
- (27) Carmel, Indiana.
- (28) Noblesville, Indiana.
- (29) Westfield, Indiana.
- (30) Zionsville, Indiana.
- (31) Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- (32) Montz, Louisiana.
- (33) Springwater Township, Minnesota.
- (34) Grass Valley, Nevada.
- (35) Swanzey, New Hampshire.
- (36) Kinnelon, New Jersey.
- (37) Flanders, New York.
- (38) Glendale, New York.
- (39) Riverside, New York.
- (40) Pendleton, New York.
- (41) Weddington, North Carolina.
- (42) Goose Creek, South Carolina.
- (43) Fairview, Texas.
- (44) Fate, Texas.
- (45) Heath, Texas.
- (46) Murphy, Texas.
- (47) Northlake, Texas.
- (48) Parker, Texas.
- (49) Sargent, Texas.
- (50) Fairlawn, Virginia.
- (51) Caledonia, Wisconsin.
- (52) Franklin, Wisconsin.
- (53) Glendale, Wisconsin.
- (54) Greenfield, Wisconsin.
- (55) Village of Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin.
- (56) Village of Somers, Wisconsin.
- (57) Village of Harrison, Wisconsin.
- (58) Hochatown, Oklahoma.
- (59) Green, Ohio.
- (60) Rochester, Wisconsin.
- (61) Quartzite Township, Minnesota.
- (62) Frederick, Colorado.
- (63) Camargo, Kentucky.
- (64) Wheatfield, New York.
- (65) Mauldin, South Carolina.
- (66) Josephine, Texas.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SIMON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, the Postal Service structures the delivery of mail around ZIP Codes, five-digit numbers that organize how to deliver the mail. There are currently over 41,000 ZIP Codes in the United States. While ZIP Codes are usually aligned with local boundaries, this is sometimes not the case.