

DANTE B. FASCELL NORTH-SOUTH CENTER ACT OF 1991

Mr. GILMAN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4757) to designate the North-South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Mr. HAMILTON. Madam Speaker, reserving the right to object, of course I will not object, but I would like to yield to the chairman for an explanation of the bill.

Mr. GILMAN. Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to bring before the House a bill to honor our esteemed former colleague, the former chairman of the Committee on International Relations, the gentleman from Florida, Dante Fascell.

This bill will rename the educational institution known as the North-South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center. Chairman Fascell was responsible for establishing that center in 1991 to promote better relations between our Nation and the nations of Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada through cooperative study training and research. Today we recognize the significant contributions that Dante Fascell has made to the U.S.-Latin American relations and, indeed, to so many other aspects of our foreign policy.

Dante Fascell was a dedicated legislator and statesman. It is a privilege to sponsor this measure along with 15 other Members of Congress. This is only a modest gesture to recognize a truly great American.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. HAMILTON. Madam Speaker, continuing my reservation, I strongly support the bill to rename the North-South Center after the former chairman of the House Committee on International Relations, Dante Fascell. I want to thank the gentleman from New York, (Mr. GILMAN) the chairman of the committee, for his initiative in bringing the bill forward.

Dante Fascell was an extraordinarily important figure in this Congress, certainly in the recent history of the international relations committee and in the development of American foreign policy. He was a highly effective legislator, enormously popular in this body. He was an excellent chairman, and his many contributions to the Congress and to the country were simply extraordinary.

Almost all of us who have served on that committee I think have very fond memories of Dante's public service, not the least of which was his accomplishment in getting the North-South Center established. The Center is a concrete example of Dante's intense inter-

est in Latin America. He was a leader in this institution and in the United States Government in fashioning an effective policy toward Latin America. The North-South Center provides independent and serious analysis of Latin America and is an asset to all policy makers.

It is, therefore, only fitting that Dante Fascell would be commemorated permanently in the name of the center that he cares so much about and worked so hard for.

Madam Speaker, I urge unanimous support.

Mr. GILMAN. Madam Speaker, it is a great pleasure to bring before the House a bill to honor our esteemed former colleague, the former Chairman of the International Relations Committee Dante Fascell.

This bill will rename the educational institution known as the North/South Center, as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center.

Chairman Fascell was responsible for establishing this Center in 1991 to promote better relations between the United States and the nations of Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada through cooperative study training and research.

Today, we recognize the significant contribution Dante Fascell has made to U.S.-Latin American relations and indeed to so many other aspects of our foreign policy. He was a dedicated legislator and statesman. It is a privilege to sponsor this measure along with 15 other Members of Congress. This is only a modest gesture to recognize a truly great American.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Madam Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 4757

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NORTH/SOUTH CENTER AS THE DANTE B. FASCELL NORTH-SOUTH CENTER.

Section 208 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 (22 U.S.C. 2075) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Dante B. Fascell North-South Center Act of 1991”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by amending the section heading to read as follows: “DANTE B. FASCELL NORTH-SOUTH CENTER.—”; and

(B) by striking “known as the North/South Center,” and inserting “which shall be known and designated as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center.”; and

(3) in subsection (d) by striking “North/South Center” and inserting “Dante B. Fascell North-South Center”.

SEC. REFERENCES.

(a) **CENTER.**—Any reference in any other provision of law to the educational institution in Florida known as the North/South Center shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Dante B. Fascell North-South Center”.

(b) **SHORT TITLE.**—Any reference in any other provision of law to the North/South Center Act of 1991 shall be deemed to be a

reference to the “Dante B. Fascell North/South Center Act of 1991”.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Madam 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. 4757.

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

There was no objection.

AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2349) to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the “Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building.”

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2349

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

SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION.

The Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, shall be known and designated as the “Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building”.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building”.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2349.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2349 was introduced by our distinguished colleague from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) on July 31 of 1997; and as required under the rules of the Committee on Government Reform and