

this bill is before us, and one of the greatest pleasures that I have had as ranking member of this Subcommittee on Postal Service, is that I have the opportunity to work so closely with my colleague, the gentleman from the great State of Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) who introduced and sponsored this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield whatever time he would need to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) for him to articulate to the House his reasons for offering this legislation.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH).

I would like to tell my fellow members that this could well be the tale of two Favres. A few years ago, after the Dallas Cowboys defeated the Green Bay Packers in the NFL championship game on a Sunday, the following Friday, I visited a fish fry at St. Paul's Catholic School in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

The purpose of the fish fry was to raise money for the elementary school, and it was done in a competition, where the group that raised the most money got to name the king and queen of St. Paul's carnival parade in Pass Christian.

One of the contestants was a lovely lady by the name of Bonita Favre. She has the distinction of being the mother of three wonderful children, one of whom is Bret Favre.

During the week that transpired between the Packers loss to the Cowboys and this Friday night, Bret was named Most Valuable Player of the NFL. So when I go to the fish fry on Friday night at Pass Christian, you would fully expect the recently appointed Most Valuable Player of the NFL to show up in a limousine, probably a Hollywood starlet on each arm, probably enough jewelry around his neck to retire the national debt.

Let us just say that I was very pleasantly surprised as I walked into the school cafeteria and looked over in the corner to see a young man who had just been named the most valuable of the NFL in a T-shirt, wearing a pair of brown khaki pants and some tennis shoes.

He is over in the corner, not talking to reporters, but playing rock, paper, and scissors with two local teenagers. I was thinking to myself I have seen all the people that have a lot of fame and idolization, and sometimes it does good things for them, and sometimes it ruins them. The first thought of mine is he is obviously handling this very well.

Bret probably could have very easily written a check for his mom to win this contest, but they decided to do it the way everyone else does, with fish fries where the local fisherman donate the fish and the shrimp and the oysters. The local men get together, clean them, and prepare them. Everyone goes through the line at \$5 a pop.

I just thought it was absolutely remarkable that this young man, the son of two public schoolteachers in rural Mississippi, had done so well in such a short amount of time and handled it so well.

Based on that, I wrote the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and said there is going to be a new post office in Kiln, Mississippi, the community nearest to where Bret is from. He is actually from a smaller community called Fenton. Maybe we should name it in honor of him.

The board, in their wisdom, came back and really gave me a lesson in life. They said, think about it. This young man has had his photograph on the cover of almost every magazine and newspaper in the world. He has already been the Most Valuable Player. He will undoubtedly in his lifetime, and he since has won a couple of Super Bowls, won a Super Bowl and appeared in another. He gets plenty of idolization. Let us do something in honoring a good person.

If you have had the great privilege of seeing the movie "Saving Private Ryan," you know one of the most moving scenes at the end is when Private Ryan, the character who plays Private Ryan is crying at the grave site of one of the people, Captain John Miller, who saves his life. He turns to his wife and says, Am I a good man? Tell me I am a good man.

The person that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors chose to honor with this post office was a good man. It marks the fourth good man that I have had the privilege of helping to, working with my colleagues, to name a building after.

The first was my immediate predecessor, Congressman Larkin Smith, former sheriff and congressman, very well respected, someone else who worked himself up from his bootstraps and died tragically in a plane crash.

Another was an incredibly brave young Mississippian from Eastabuchie, Mississippi, by the name of Roy Wheat who threw himself on a land mine during the Vietnam War to save the lives of three other Marines, who was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

A third was probably the most lovable man any city in Mississippi produced, by the name of Johnny Longo, who served for better than 30 years as an elected official in his hometown of Waverly, Mississippi.

Being a good man is more than receiving a Medal of Honor. It is more than being a Congressman. It is more than being a lifetime elected official. Being a good man is the greatest compliment that any of us can hope to obtain when it is all said and done about us.

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Mr. Favre spent his life serving his hometown of Kiln, Mississippi. For 36 years he was their postmaster. He married a local girl in 1945, was the loving

father of Rae Ann Normand, Nancy V. Smith and Edward R. Favre. He was very active in his church. But more than anything else, he served the people he loved for 36 years.

About 4 years ago a heck of a lot of people were elected to Congress because they said they hated their country; they hated the people who worked for their country. I thought that was wrong then. I still think that is wrong. Mr. Favre loved his country and he loved serving his country. He did not need the limelight, he just wanted to do a good job.

So I stand before my colleagues today, number one, to thank the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for honoring a good man, and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to do the same. And let us see to it that this great public servant, who served that community so well for so long, is honored in an appropriate manner.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Once again we have heard from the gentleman from Mississippi about people who have served our country not only as good husbands and fathers but also as postal employees, and I too give thanks for Mr. Favre, for his 36 years of service to the people of Mississippi and the people of the United States.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2623.

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.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2623, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

#### JEROME ANTHONY AMBRO, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3167) to designate the United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3167

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

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

The United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3167 was introduced by the gentleman from New York (Mr. ACKERMAN). The legislation was introduced on February 5, 1998 and is cosponsored by the entire House delegation from the State of New York pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 3167 designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr., a lifelong New Yorker, was born in Brooklyn. He graduated from New York University and served in the United States Army military police. Mr. Ambro served four terms as Huntington Town Supervisor and as a member of the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors. He was elected to Congress in 1974 and served three terms representing the 3rd District of New York. Mr. Ambro was elected leader of the 1982 freshman Members who were elected after Watergate. He served as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Environment and was known for his tireless work for senior citizens, strengthening Social Security, and his role in passing the clean air and clean water legislation. Mr. Ambro died at age 64 in 1993.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in support of H.R. 3167.

Our effort here, Mr. Speaker, is to name a post office in honor of a former colleague, and this was offered by the gentleman from the great State of New York (Mr. ACKERMAN). It is in honor of a gentleman whose record of service in this House speaks for itself, I think all would agree, in terms of his fight on behalf of senior citizens and the protection of Social Security and in terms of his efforts in passing the Clean Air Act, his acknowledged leadership by his colleagues when he was elected head of the freshman class, some 82 Members.

The other point that I would make is that he served even before his election here to Congress. He was a member of the armed forces and, in part, during his service there, was a military police officer. My older brother served as a military police officer, so I have a certain affection for those who serve in that role or have served in that role. And I also think it is important to note his recognized contributions in his local community.

So I would join with my colleague from Texas and ask that we favorably support this bill unanimously out of the House and that we do our part, which is to acknowledge his service and his dedication to public service, through the naming of this post office in his hometown.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3167, a bill to designate the United States Post Office located in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building." This legislation is a fitting tribute to a great man and selfless public servant.

I am proud to be the sponsor of this legislation. The fact that all 31 members of the New York Delegation cosponsored the bill demonstrates the respect we all have for Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. In addition, both Senators from New York have sponsored similar legislation in the other body. It doesn't stop there. The Huntington Town Board—the local government representing the community where the post office is located—unanimously approved a resolution urging Congress to pass this legislation.

The reason this bill has such widespread support, from the grassroots to the Capitol, is that Jerry, as his friends called him, served his constituents, colleagues and country well. Unfortunately, our nation sustained a major loss when Jerry passed away in 1993 from diabetes complications.

Jerry was a lifelong New Yorker, and he never forgot his roots. Following his service in the United States Army, Jerry served his constituents admirably for four terms as the Huntington Town Supervisor. In that role, he worked diligently to improve environmental protection and senior citizen services on Long Island.

Following his local success, Jerry was elected to three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives where he served as Chairman of the Science Subcommittee on Natural Resources and the Environment. He played a leading role in passing clean air and clean water legislation that improved our country's quality of life. Jerry also was a tireless advocate for senior citizens, fighting for the strengthening of Social Security.

Jerry Ambro's distinguished public service in local government and the House of Representatives deserves to be honored. The East Northport Post Office will be a legacy to Jerry's tireless efforts to improve the lives of New Yorkers.

I thank the chairman and the ranking member of the Postal Service Subcommittee for their cooperation in moving this legislation, and I strongly urge all of my colleagues to support this important bill.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. 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 Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3167.

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.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3167, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

**EDGAR C. CAMPBELL, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING**

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3939) to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3939

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

**SECTION 1. EDGAR C. CAMPBELL, SR., POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3939 was introduced by our distinguished colleague and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Postal Service, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH). The legislation was introduced on May 21, 1998, and enjoys the cosponsorship of the entire House delegation from Pennsylvania pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 3939 designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 658 63rd Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be known as the