

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. YATES) also served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946, attaining the rank of lieutenant.

This is a fitting honor for our revered colleague and I am pleased to support the bill and urge my colleagues to support it.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill. The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. YATES) is one of our great Members, but I want to offer something to the Congress a little bit different than usual about the gentleman from Illinois. Years ago, he was a star basketball player at the University of Chicago. In fact, he played center. Today, the centers are 7 feet 2, 7 feet 5, even taller.

While he was a center at the University of Chicago, they played against the great George Mikan team, the great Hall of Famer, the first big man superstar in America, and I would say to my colleagues in the Congress of the United States, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. YATES) played George Mikan tough.

He has made it tough all through his life for those who he competed against but he was always fair. He has been loved in every profession. He has been loved in every community. He is absolutely endeared and loved by this House.

I want to say, even though he did not have a jump shot and he was known for the old fashioned two-handed set shot, he was absolutely devastating with a hook shot with either hand, and he has taken that type of competitiveness, zeal, spirit, team work, to the Congress.

There has not been one bill dealing with arts in this country that failed to experience the fingerprints of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. YATES). If there is a father and champion of the arts, it is the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. YATES).

Mr. Speaker, I rise in absolute support of this tribute. It is worthy. It is deserving.

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to honor our longest-serving House Member, the distinguished gentleman from Illinois, Mr. SIDNEY R. YATES, by redesignating a Washington, D.C. Federal building in his name. Elected in 1948, Congressman YATES is departing this year after his 24th term. His impressive dedication to public service began after Congressman YATES had served the United States in the Navy from 1944 to 1946.

SID YATES has served on the Appropriations Committee and for nearly 20 years was known as a significant member of the panel's "College of Cardinals." He ends his career as the Ranking Member of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee.

As Chairman of the House International Relations Committee, I commend SID for his

dedication to foreign affairs and his willingness to accommodate the administration and International Relations Committee Members.

A man whose work ethic extended above and beyond the call of duty, SID has earned a reputation as taskmaster. His hearings are among the most detailed in the House, and he always does much of his own research. On the floor, SID YATES has always demonstrated a great command of facts, and during hearings would often take the lead in examination and cross-examination of witnesses with an expertise which became legendary.

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to wholeheartedly support this bill to redesignate a Federal building located in Washington, D.C., as the SIDNEY R. YATES Federal Building. Please join with us to honor SID YATES for his 24 outstanding Congressional terms.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bill. As all of my colleagues are aware, the gentleman from Illinois has worked tirelessly, throughout his extensive tenure in Congress, on numerous issues but especially on the effective management of our public lands. While this legislation provides recognition in Washington for the work that the gentleman from Illinois has done, the impact of this work is felt far beyond the beltway. His efforts can be seen in every National Park, Refuge, Wilderness, Grassland, Prairie, and Forest across the Nation.

When SID YATES first entered Congress in 1948, there were 29 million recreational visitors to our National Parks. Last year, there were over 279 million. The popularity of, and experiences provided by, these parks is due in large part to the vision of SID YATES. He knew that the number of visitors to these parks would only increase and he wanted to be sure that the Park System had the needed capacity.

I am fortunate to have served many years with SID in Congress, representing the district just north of his. He is a man that I hold in highest respect for the work he has done and the character and integrity that he has brought to this institution. He will be missed but his contributions will never be forgotten.

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I urge an aye vote, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4595, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to redesignate the Federal building located at 201 Fourteenth Street Southwest in the District of Columbia as the 'Sidney R. Yates Federal Building'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RICHARD C. WHITE FEDERAL  
BUILDING

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R.

3598) to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3598

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

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

The Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Richard C. White Federal 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 "Richard C. White Federal Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM).

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

H.R. 3598 designates the Federal building located in El Paso, Texas as the Richard C. White Federal Building. Congressman White represented the 16th district of Texas of the United States House of Representatives for 9 successive terms from 1965 to 1983.

He was known for his dedication to public and community service. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, receiving the military Order of Purple Heart. He also served in the Texas State House of Representatives from 1955 to 1958.

In 1983, after serving his ninth congressional term, Congressman White returned to his family in El Paso to resume his legal career and serve as a civic leader. He passed away in February of this year.

As a dedicated public servant of the people of El Paso, Texas this is a fitting tribute. Again, I support the bill and urge my colleagues to support the bill.

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

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

Richard White was a former colleague from Texas who represented the 16th district from 1965 until 1983. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES) who currently holds this seat, former border patrol agent and a very fine Member, is the sponsor of this bill.

Congressman White was a native Texan, University of El Paso, received his law degree from the University of Texas in Austin.

He served his country with honor and distinction. In the United States Marines stationed in the Pacific, he saw active duty and was awarded the military Order of the Purple Heart. He served on many committees in the Congress, including Arms Services, Interior, Post Office and Civil Service,

Committee on Science and Technology. He was known as a consensus builder and a team player.

In 1983, he retired to El Paso and resumed his legal career. He was a devoted husband, father of 7 children. His values and character and integrity and leadership skills were assets to the United States of America and certainly to this Congress.

It is absolutely proper and fitting that this tribute be made, naming this Federal building.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES).

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

I rise in support of the bill, H.R. 3598, and urge the House to pass it. I am proud to have authored this legislation to name the Federal building in El Paso, Texas after Richard C. White, the man who represented the people of El Paso in Congress for 9 terms, from 1965 to 1983.

In his years of service to our Nation and to the people of the 16th district of Texas, Congressman White showed genuine concern for his constituents and a commitment to do all that was in his power to help those whom he served. He truly led a life filled with integrity, compassion and contributed to the welfare of others. And he made a lasting impression on the lives of all who knew him.

I am proud to have personally known Congressman White. The more I learned about this individual, the more respect and admiration I and members of my family had for this fine gentleman and representative of the people's House.

He made a lifetime commitment to his community and to his country. As a young man he served as a marine in World War II, seeing combat in Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima, where he was wounded and received the Purple Heart for his service to his country.

His military service was only the beginning of a lifetime of public service. Upon returning to the States, he began an outstanding career in 1949 as a lawyer advocating for the people of El Paso.

Heeding a for even greater community service, Congressman White launched a distinguished career as a State legislator, serving first in the Texas legislature from 1955 to 1958. From the beginning he worked hard to improve the quality of life along the Texas border and left behind a strong legacy for all border legislators.

Among his numerous legislative accomplishments, he focused on health care and environmental issues, establishing a nursing school at the University of Texas at El Paso and creating the Hueco Tanks State Park.

Thereafter he sought to make an even greater impact by serving at the national level and began a congressional career in 1965 as a representative for the 16th district of Texas.

Many of my colleagues were his colleagues and remember his powerful ad-

vocacy on behalf of El Paso and for the well-being of the Nation as a whole.

I can tell them that as I now serve in the seat he formerly held, I take great pride in working to meet the high standards that he set for all of us here in Congress. Congressman White personified the meaning of honorable leadership and public service. He stood for high ethics and moral values, and he always stood by his word.

Many of my colleagues recall his work on the Committee on Armed Services which reflected an unyielding commitment to our national security. He provided unwavering support for air defense through El Paso's Flort Bliss Army Post and drafted the reorganization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In addition, he brought the needs of El Paso and the border to the forefront. He created the Chamizal Border Highway and the Chamizal National Memorial and enacted the Scenic Rivers bill. Moreover, I know that many of you were proud to have served with him on the Interior and Insular Affairs committee, the Post Office and Civil Service Committee and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

While Richard White was known for his legislative accomplishments, maybe his greatest accomplishment was serving as a tremendous role model for countless young people from El Paso, the State of Texas and this great country.

He had a kind word for everyone he met and never failed to take time to encourage our children to reach their full potential. This was reflected in his dedication as a family man. And despite having attained seniority and earning the admiration of his peers in Congress, Richard White left this body after 9 terms in 1983, to return to that family that he so much loved in El Paso.

He was the proud father of 7 children and was devoted to spending more time with each and every one of them as they grew up. Nonetheless, after leaving Congress, he continued working towards the betterment of El Paso. He remained active in numerous community affairs and lent his wisdom to me and the 16th district as a mentor and as a civic leader. I can say that Richard White made the most of his life by touching the lives of all those around him. He will always be remembered as a wonderful Congressman and wonderful husband, a tremendous father, friend, role model and a great person.

He was a true gentleman who is profoundly missed and it is only fitting that we honor and remember him by passing this legislation today and naming the El Paso Federal building in his name.

I would like to thank my colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) the majority leader, and also the minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) for scheduling this bill on the floor today. I would also like to thank Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

chairman, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) for their full support of this legislation.

In addition, I want to thank the Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM), and the ranking member of the subcommittee, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) for giving me this opportunity to speak on behalf of Richard White today.

I appreciate the work of their staffs in moving this legislation forward. I would also like to extend my extreme gratitude to the 41 Members who cosponsored H.R. 3598 and the other 16 Members who agreed to cosponsor the bill after it came out of committee.

Congressman White would have been pleased to know of his many friends in the 105th Congress who knew him and respected him and who remember his legacy of public achievement and leadership on behalf of this great Nation.

With passage of this bill, I look forward to the Senate's quicken enactment of the bill and the President's signature.

Richard White, thank you and gracias for your leadership and inspiration.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3598.

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.

#### JERE COOPER FEDERAL BUILDING

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2730) to designate the Federal building located at 309 North Church Street in Dyersburg, Tennessee, as the "Jere Cooper Federal Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2730

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

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The Federal building located at 309 North Church Street in Dyersburg, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "Jere Cooper Federal 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 "Jere Cooper Federal Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) and the gentleman