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Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 6th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 139 would authorize the printing of the following documents. 550,000 copies of each document would be authorized: 440,000 copies for the use of the House, 100,000 copies for the use of the Senate, and 10,000 copies for the use of the Joint Committee on Printing; **OR** the number of copies of each document that does not exceed a total production and printing cost indicated in parentheses below:

- "How Our Laws Are Made" (\$220,794)
- "Our American Government" (\$454,160)
- "Our Flag" (\$198,108)
- The 2003 edition of the document-sized, annotated version of the U.S. Constitution (\$432,647)
- The 21st edition of the pocket-sized version of the U.S. Constitution (\$126,729)

Committee Action: The bill was referred to the Committee on House Administration on April 7, 2003, but was not considered by the Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize \$1,432,438 for document printings in 2003.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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H.Con.Res. 138—Authorizing the printing of the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-2005 (Ney)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 6th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 138 would authorize the printing of the revised Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-2005, as follows:

- 1,280 copies of the document, of which 250 would be for the use of the Senate, 930 for the use of the House of Representatives, and 100 copies for the use of the Joint Committee on Printing; **OR** a number of copies that would not have a total production and printing cost of more than \$96,500.

Committee Action: The bill was referred to the Committee on House Administration on April 7, 2003, but was not considered by the Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize \$96,500 for a document printing in 2003.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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H.R. 1596—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2318 Woodson Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building.” (Clay)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 6th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1596 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2318 Woodson Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Timothy Michael Gaffney began his postal career on March 20, 1967, as a substitute letter carrier in St. Louis and spent the following decades in various postal positions, many of which in the later years were management-level.

Committee Action: The resolution was referred to the Government Reform Committee on April 3, 2003, but was not considered by the Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The only costs associated with a post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: Though no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to “establish Post Offices and post Roads.”

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H.R. 1625—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 Main Avenue in Clifton, New Jersey, as the “Robert P. Hammer Post Office Building.” (*Pascrell*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 6th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1625 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 Main Avenue in Clifton, New Jersey, as the “Robert P. Hammer Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Robert P. Hammer was the city manager of Clifton, New Jersey for seven years before succumbing to serious health problems in late 2002 at the age of 54 years old. He was known for exceptional responsiveness to the community.

Committee Action: The resolution was referred to the Government Reform Committee on April 3, 2003, but was not considered by the Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The only costs associated with a post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: Though no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to “establish Post Offices and post Roads.”

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H.R. 1740—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1502 East Kiest Boulevard in Dallas, Texas, as the “Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building.” (Johnson, E.B.)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 6th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1740 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1502 East Kiest Boulevard in Dallas, Texas, as the “Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Dr. Caesar Clark was an early civil rights proponent, responsible for Martin Luther King’s first visit to speak in Dallas in 1958. A Baptist pastor, Dr. Clark worked to end segregation in Dallas. Under his guidance, his church founded two day-care centers, a credit union, a free legal clinic, and a federally assisted apartment complex for the elderly.

Additionally, Dr. Clark has served as a Vice President of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. and President of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas. At 88, he is still a respected community leader and minister.

Committee Action: The resolution was referred to the Government Reform Committee on April 10, 2003, but was not considered by the Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The only costs associated with a post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: Though no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to “establish Post Offices and post Roads.”

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H.R. 1609—To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the “Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building.” (Graves)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 6th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1609 would redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the “Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: During the Korean War, Navy Admiral Donald Davis flew 51 combat missions over Korea and was later assigned to train F-86 pilots at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. In 1967, Admiral Davis was assigned as commanding officer of the carrier Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam War, became Commander of the Pacific Fleet in 1978, and retired in 1981. During a naval career that spanned 38 years and three wars, Admiral Davis received the Distinguished Service Medal twice, the Legion of Merit four times, and an Air Medal with a gold star. He passed away on July 30, 1998.

Committee Action: The resolution was referred to the Government Reform Committee on April 3, 2003, but was not considered by the Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The only costs associated with a post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: Though no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to “establish Post Offices and post Roads.”

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