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H.R. 793 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the “Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office” (Woolsey, D-CA)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 14, 2011, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 793 would designate the post office at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the “Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office.”

Additional Information: Army Specialist Jake R. Velloza was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas. He was killed on May 2, 2009, in Mosul, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Specialist Velloza was 22, and this was his second tour of duty.

Committee Action: H.R. 793 was introduced on February 17, 2011, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. A full committee markup was held on March 10, 2011, and the legislation passed by unanimous consent, without amendment.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score is available, but the only costs associated with a U.S. post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: Rep. Woolsey's statement in the Congressional Record states: "This bill is introduced under the powers granted to Congress under Article 1 of the Constitution."

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H.Con.Res. 27-- Providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol (Upton, R-MI)

Order of Business: H.Con.Res. 27 is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 14, 2011 under suspension of the rules requiring two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 27 authorizes the State of Michigan to use the rotunda of the Capitol on May 3, 2011, for a presentation ceremony of a statue of former President Gerald R. Ford, the 28th President of the United States. This statue of President Ford is being furnished by the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol in accordance with section 1814 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. President Ford died on December 26, 2006 at the age of 93 years old.

Committee Action: H. Con. Res 27 was introduced by Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI) on March 8, 2011 and referred to the Committee on House Administration. No further Committee action has been taken.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: No constitutional authority statement has been provided to accompany this resolution. House rules do not require constitutional authority statements from sponsors of House resolutions.

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