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H.R. 2079 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the “John J. Cook Post Office” (McCarthy, D-NY)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 2079 would designate the U.S. Post office located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, NY as the “John J. Cook Post Office.”

Additional Information: John J. Cook passed away in 2005 at the age of 78. “He served the community of East Rockaway, New York, for more than six decades, working as a letter carrier at the facility to be named after him. Serving his community for 60 years and 4 months, Mr. Cook went above and beyond to serve his neighbors and exemplified professionalism and courtesy each and every day on the job. Mr. Cook delivered mail on the same route for nearly all of his 60 years on the job; and according to many in his community, he continually touched the lives of countless people spanning generations.” (From McCarthy’s statement on the Congressional Record)

Committee Action: H.R. 2079 was introduced on June 1, 2011 and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. A markup was held on November 3, 2011, and the legislation was reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time, but the only costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings and post offices are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Constitutional Authority: By Representative McCarthy (D- NY):

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

“Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution.”

H.R. 3247 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building” (Akin, R-MO)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 3247 would designate the U.S. Post office located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building.”

Additional Information: Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew P. Pathenos, 21 years old, died February 7, 2007, while serving in Anbar province in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pathenos was from St. Luis, Montana and was a member of the Marine Forces Reserve’s 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division.

Committee Action: H.R. 3247 was introduced on October 24, 2011, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. A markup was held on November 3, 2011, and the legislation was reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time, but the only costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings and post offices are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Constitutional Authority: By Representative Akin (R-MO):

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

“The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to establish Post Offices and post roads, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution.”

H.R. 3248 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building” (Akin, R-MO)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 3248 would designate the U.S. Post Office located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building.”

Additional Information: Marine Lance Cpl. Drew W. Weaver, 20 years old, died February 21, 2008, while serving in Anbar province in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Weaver was from St. Charles, Montana and he was a member of the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

Committee Action: H.R. 3248 was introduced on October 24, 2011, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. A markup was held on November 3, 2011, and the legislation was reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time, but the only costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings and post offices are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

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