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H.R. 1791 - To designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse" (Rooney, R-FL)

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

Summary: H.R. 1791 will designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse".

Additional Information: In 1940, Florida voters adopted an amendment which created a seventh justice in the state Supreme Court and Alto Lee Adam Sr. was appointed to the court. Alto Lee Adams Sr. served as a justice on the Florida Supreme Court from 1940 to 1951 and from 1967 to 1968. Adams then served as chief justice from 1949 to 1951.

During Adams tenure as chief justice he rendered several decisions in support of civil rights.

Committee Action: H.R. 1791 was introduced on May 5, 2011 and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. On June 22, 2011 the bill was reported by voice vote.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable 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: According to the statement on constitutional authority by Mr. Rooney, "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1 Section 8: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

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H.R. 588 - To redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge (Harper, R-MS)

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

Summary: H.R. 588 would redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the "Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge."

Additional Information: The Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge is located in Brooksville, Mississippi. More information about the refuge can be [found here](#).

Sam D. Hamilton was a native of Starkville, Mississippi. On September 1, 2009 he became the 15th Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He passed away on February 20, 2010. More information about Mr. Hamilton can be [found here](#).

Committee Action: H.R. 588 was introduced on February 9, 2011, and was referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs. The subcommittee held hearings and discharged the legislation. On October 5, 2011, the full committee met and reported the legislation by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or Revenues. CBO's report can be [viewed here](#).

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?: According to [House Report 112-279](#), H.R. 588 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: According to [House Report 112-279](#), H.R. 588 does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Constitutional Authority: Rep. Harper's statement of constitutional authority states: "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Clause 2 of Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution." The statement can be [viewed here](#).

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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 Monday, November 14, 2011, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the legislation.

Summary: H.R. 2079 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office."

Additional Information: John J. Cook was a letter carrier in East Rockaway for over 60 years. He passed away on September 16, 2006.

Committee Action: H.R. 2079 was introduced on June 1, 2011, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S.

Postal Service, and Labor Policy. The full committee met on November 3, 2011, and favorably reported the legislation 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.

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. McCarthy's statement of constitutional authority states: "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution." The statement can be [viewed here](#).

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H.R. 3004 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building" (Thompson, D-CA)

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

Summary: H.R. 3004 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building."

Additional Information: Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for storming a Japanese machine gun bunker -- twice -- during the Battle of Okinawa. He passed away on November 23, 2009. More information can be [found here](#).

Committee Action: H.R. 3004 was introduced on September 21, 2011, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal

Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy. The full committee met on November 3, 2011, and favorably reported the legislation 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.

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. Thompson's statement of constitutional authority states: "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution." The statement can be [viewed here](#).

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S. 1412 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office" (*Sen. Kerry, D-MA*)

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

Summary: S. 1412 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office."

Additional Information: Officer John Maguire served the Woburn Police Department in Massachusetts for 34 years. He was shot and killed when he responded to a robbery in progress at a local department store on December 26, 2010. More information on Officer Maguire can be [found here](#).

Committee Action: S. 1412 was introduced on July 25, 2011, and referred to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security. The full committee held a markup and reported the legislation. On October 20, 2011, the

Senate passed S. 1412, without amendment, by unanimous consent. The legislation was then referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The full committee met on November 3, 2011, and favorably reported the legislation 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.

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: Senate Rules do not require a statement of constitutional authority. Although 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. 298 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the “Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building” (Carter, R-TX)

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

Summary: H.R. 298 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the “Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building.”

Additional Information: Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fort Hood, Texas. He was killed on April 6, 2008 in Balad, Iraq, when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. More information on Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris can be [found here](#).

Committee Action: H.R. 298 was introduced on January 18, 2011, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy. The full committee met on November 3, 2011, and favorably reported the legislation 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.

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. Carter's statement of constitutional authority states: "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." The statement can be [viewed here](#).

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H.R. 2422 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Bay Street, Suite 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the "Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office" (Grimm, R-NY)

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

Summary: H.R. 2422 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 45 Bay Street, Suite 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the "Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office."

Additional Information: Sergeant Angel Mendez was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for his extraordinary heroism while serving as a Platoon Right Guide of the Third Platoon, Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, in the Republic of Vietnam on March 16, 1967. More information on Sergeant Angel Mendez can be [found here](#).

Committee Action: H.R. 298 was introduced on January 18, 2011, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy. The full committee met on November 3, 2011, and favorably reported the legislation 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.

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. Grimm's statement of constitutional authority states: "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 and Article I, Section 8, clause 18, the Necessary and Proper Clause. Legislation to name a Post Office after an individual is constitutional under Article I, Section 8, Clause 7, which gives Congress the power to establish Post Offices and post roads." The statement can be [viewed here](#).

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H.R. 2660 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office" (McCaul, R-TX)

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

Summary: H.R. 298 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office."

Committee Action: H.R. 2660 was introduced on July 26, 2011, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The full committee met on November 3, 2011, and favorably reported the legislation 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.

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. Carter's statement of constitutional authority states: Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution: "The Congress shall have Power . . . To establish Post Offices and post Roads." The statement can be [viewed here](#).

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H.R. 2415 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building (Barletta, R-PA)

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

Summary: H.R. 2415 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building."

Additional Information: Trooper Joshua D. Miller served the Pennsylvania State Police. He was shot and killed on June 7, 2009, while attempting to apprehend a kidnapping subject.

Committee Action: H.R. 2415 was introduced on July 6, 2011, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The full committee met on November 3, 2011, and favorably reported the legislation 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.

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. Carter's statement of constitutional authority states: "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution." The statement can be [viewed here](#).

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