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H.R. 1817—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the "John S. Wilder Post Office Building" (Blackburn, R-TN)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.R. 1817 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the "John S. Wilder Post Office Building."

Additional Information: John Shelton Wilder served as Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee from 1971 to 2007. It is reported that this is the longest time anyone has served as Lieutenant Governor or a similar position in the history of the United States. Under the Tennessee state Constitution granted by statute in 1951, the person elected to serve as Speaker of the State Senate is also the Lieutenant Governor because Speaker of the Senate is first in line of succession to the governorship. A Democrat, he received the support of many state senate republicans in his quest to remain Speaker for over 25 years.

Committee Action: H.R. 1817 was introduced on March 31, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee held a mark-up on May 6, 2009, and the bill was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 1817 is unavailable, 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: 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. 2090—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the "Frederic Remington Post Office Building" (McHugh, R-NY)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.R. 2090 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the "Frederic Remington Post Office Building."

Additional Information: Known as a renowned illustrator, painter and an accomplished writer, Frederic Remington created iconic images of the Western frontier composed of Native Americans, cavalymen and cowboys. The [Broncho Buster](#), depicting a cowboy breaking a wild horse, was an one of his more notable pieces symbolizing all that was triumphant and heroic of the West.

Committee Action: H.R. 2090 was introduced on April 23, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee held a mark-up on May 6, 2009, and the bill was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 2090 is unavailable, 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.

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H.R. 2173—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1009 Crystal Road in Island Falls, Maine, as the "Carl B. Smith Post Office" (*Michaud, D-ME*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.R. 2173 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1009 Crystal Road in Island Falls, Maine, as the "Carl B. Smith Post Office".

Additional Information: Carl B Smith was born in 1922 and served in the United States Army from 1942 till 1952. He served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. Following his military service, he was barber for 30 years and rural letter carrier in the USPS in Isle Falls Maine for an additional 10 years. In addition to his community activities, Smith served in the Maine State Legislature for 10 years and was known for working on bills such as tree growth tax laws and Clean Indoor Air Act-no smoking bans. Carl Smith passed away in October of 2000.

Committee Action: H.R. 2173 was introduced on April 29, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee held a mark-up on May 6, 2009, and the bill was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 2173 is unavailable, 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.

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**H.Con.Res. 109—Honoring the 20th anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in the Nation's Capital and its transition to the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure on June 6, 2009
(Connolly, D-VA)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Con.Res.109 would resolve that the sense of Congress that:

- “Remembers the lives of the women and men who have lost their fight with breast cancer and expresses support and admiration for those who have survived;
- “Congratulates those survivors, family, friends, and other community members who participate in the Global Race for the Cure in order to raise money for research and education so that many more may survive and encourages Americans to walk this year and to support their family and friends who participate; and
- “Honors the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure for its impact on the National Capital Area, the Nation, and the world.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women worldwide, with more than 1,300,000 diagnosed each year;

- “Breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women worldwide, more than 465,000 die from the disease each year, and a woman dies from breast cancer every 68 seconds;
- “There are more than 2,500,000 breast cancer survivors alive in the United States today, the largest group of all cancer survivors;
- “Since its inception, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has invested more than \$1,300,000,000 in breast cancer research, education, and community health services that have raised awareness and improved treatment, helping more people survive the disease and creating a strong support community of breast cancer survivors;
- “The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Series is the organization's signature program and is the world's largest and most successful education and fundraising event for breast cancer;
- “2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the first Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure in Washington, DC;
- “More than 50,000 participants, including 4,000 breast cancer survivors and hundreds of congressional and Federal agency employees are expected for the 20th annual 5K run/walk on Saturday, June 6, 2009, on the National Mall:

Committee Action: H.Con.Res. 109 was introduced on April 27, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. No further official action was taken.

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

Potential Conservative Concern: It has been reported that the Susan G. Komen Foundation has affiliates throughout the nation that have given grants to Planned Parenthood and other organizations that provide abortions or abortion-related services.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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.

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**H.Res. 437—Supporting the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month
(Napolitano, D-CA)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res.437 would resolve that the sense of Congress that:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month in order to place emphasis on scientific facts and findings regarding mental health and to remove stigma associated therewith;
- “Recognizes that mental well-being is equally as important as physical well-being for our citizens, our communities, our businesses, our economy and our country;
- “Applauds the coalescing of national and community organizations in working to promote public awareness of mental health and providing critical information and support to the people and families affected by mental illness;
- “Supports the finding of the President's Commission on Mental Health that the Nation's failure to prioritize mental health is a national tragedy, and
- “Encourages all organizations and health practitioners to use Mental Health Month as an opportunity to promote mental well-being and awareness, ensure access to appropriate services, and support overall quality of life for those living with mental illness.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “The mental health and well-being of people in the United States is a critical issue that affects not only quality of life, but also the health of our communities, and our economic stability;
- “The stigma associated with mental health continues to persist;
- “More than 57,000,000 people in the United States suffer from mental illness;
- “Approximately 1 in 5 children and adolescents has a diagnosable mental disorder;
- “Untreated mental illness is a leading cause of absenteeism and lost productivity in the workplace;
- “Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people between the ages of 15 and 24;
- Studies report that persons with serious mental illness die, on average, 25 years earlier than the general population; and
- “It would be appropriate to observe May 2009 as Mental Health Month.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 437 was introduced on April 27, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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.

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