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H.R. 1228 - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the “Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building,” as amended — (Ribble, WI- R)

Order of Business: [H.R. 1228](#) is scheduled to be considered on March 24, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the U.S. Post Office located at 300 Packerland Drive in Green Bay, Wisconsin, the “Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Corporal Justin D. Ross 22, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, died March 26, 2011, in Helmand province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his unit was attacked by small arms fire. He was assigned to the 863rd Engineer Battalion, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Committee Action: H.R. 1288 was introduced on March 15, 2013, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. On March 12, 2014, the Committee held a

mark-up where the bill was ordered to be reported in the nature of a substitute (amended) by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of administrative position is available at this time.

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: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution.” Read the statement [here](#).

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H.R. 2391 - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri as the "Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office" — (Wagner, R-MO)

Order of Business: [H.R.2391](#) is scheduled to be considered on March 24, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the U.S. Post office located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office.”

Additional Background: Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge, 19, of Saint Charles, Missouri, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California, died October 13, 2010, in Helmand province, Afghanistan, while conducting combat operations.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on June 14, 2013, and was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. On March 12, 2014, a markup was held and the bill was voted out by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of administrative position is available at this time.

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: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution, which grants Congress the power to establish Post Offices and post Roads, Congress has the authority to enact legislation to name a post office.” Read the statement [here](#).

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H.R. 3060 - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building" — (Williams, R-TX)

Order of Business: [H.R.3060](#) is scheduled to be considered on March 24, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the U.S. Post Office located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the “Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Sergeant William Moody joined the U.S. Marines after graduating from Burleson High School in 2002. He served two tours of duty in Iraq. Moody then joined the Army in 2008 and was nearing the end of his second deployment to Afghanistan in June 2013, when he was killed as a result of indirect enemy fire onto his Air Force base in Afghanistan.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on August 8, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. On March 12, 2014, a markup was held and the bill was voted out by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of administrative position is available at this time.

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: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is power of Congress to establish Post Offices and post roads, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution.” Read the statement [here](#).

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H.R. 1036 - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office"— (Reichert, WA-R)

Order of Business: [H.R.1036](#) is scheduled to be considered on March 24, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the U.S. Post Office located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the “National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office.”

Additional Background: Mount Rainier National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson, 34, was fatally shot in the line of duty on January 1, 2012, after setting up a traffic block to intercept a vehicle that failed to stop at a chain-up checkpoint in the park.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on March 7, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. On March 12, 2014, a markup was held and the bill was voted out by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of administrative position is available at this time.

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: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 7: “The Congress shall have Power to establish Post Offices and postroads.” Read the statement [here](#).

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H.R. 1376 - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building"— (Payne, NJ-D)

Order of Business: [H.R.1376](#) is scheduled to be considered on March 24, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the U.S. Post Office located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Judge Shirley A. Tolentino, 67, of Jersey City, died Sunday, October 31, 2010. Judge Tolentino was appointed to the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey on January 11, 1984. She was the first African-American woman judge at the Jersey City Municipal Court and first African-American woman appointed to a judgeship at the New Jersey state Superior Court.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on March 21, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. On March 12, 2014, a markup was held and the bill was voted out by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of administrative position is available at this time.

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: According to the sponsor, “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 make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution.” Read the statement [here](#).

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H.R. 1451- A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building" — (Slaughter, NY-D)

Order of Business: [H.R.1451](#) is scheduled to be considered on March 24, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the U.S. Post Office located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid, 26, of Rochester, New York died December 13, 2012, in Landstuhl, Germany from wounds suffered on December 9, 2012, in

Sperwan Village, Afghanistan, when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Reid enlisted in the Army in 2006. He served with the 53rd Ordnance Company of the 3rd Ordnance Battalion. This was his second deployment to Afghanistan.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on April 9, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. On March 12, 2014, a markup was held and the bill was voted out by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of administrative position is available at this time.

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: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Clause 7 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.” Read the statement [here](#).

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H.R. 1813 - A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin Post Office Building" — (Ryan, OH–D)

Order of Business: [H.R.1813](#) is scheduled to be considered on March 24, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the U.S. Post Office located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, 22, of Tallmadge, Ohio, died August 1, 2005, in Haditha, Iraq. He joined the Marines in 2003 and served with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on April 26, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. On March 12, 2014, a markup was held and the bill was voted out by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No statement of administrative position is available at this time.

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: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 7. The Congress shall have Power * * * To establish Post Offices and post roads.” Read the statement [here](#).

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***H.R. 3771 — Philippines Charitable Giving Assistance Act, as amended.
(Swalwell, D-CA)***

Order of Business: H.R. 3771 is scheduled to be considered on the floor as early as Monday, March 4, 2013, and is subject to a suspension, which requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Summary: The bill treats donations made for the purposes of relieving victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines made in between the date of the bill’s enactment and April 15, 2014, as having been made on December 31, 2013 for tax deduction purposes.

Committee Action: H.R. 3771 was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on December 12, 2013 and the House Budget Committee on December 12, 2013. No further action has been taken.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is available.

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?: CBO did not prepare an intergovernmental or private-sector mandate for H.R. 3771.

Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: The bill treats what should be tax-deductible donations for FY 2014 as applicable to FY 2013.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8; Sixteenth Amendment.” Congressman Swalwell’s statement in the Congressional Record can be viewed [here](#).

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H.R. 4275 - Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act— (Brooks, R-IN)

Order of Business: H.R. [4275](#) is scheduled to be considered on March 24, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would make changes to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Internal Revenue Code to alter the funding requirements of certain private pension plans that are maintained by more than one employer where the employers are either cooperatives or charities. It provides for cooperative and small employer charity (CSEC) pension plans which are an employer pension benefit plan (other than a multiemployer plan) that is a defined benefit plan which certain provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 apply, and that as of June 25, 2010 was maintained by more than one employer who were part of tax exempt charitable organizations.

This bill establishes minimum funding standards for CSEC pension plans and special rules for the valuation of plan assets. It sets forth rules governing contributions to CSEC plans and imposes a lien in favor of a CSEC plan for failure to make required contributions. It amends ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code to allow a CSEC plan sponsor to elect not to treat such plan as a CSEC plan in plan years beginning after 2013 and amends the Pension Protection Act of 2006 to allow a pension plan sponsor an election to cease treating a plan as an eligible charity plan for plan years beginning after 2013.

Additional Background: The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) established more rigorous funding requirements for private pension plans. Under section 104 of PPA, certain multiple-employer pension plans that are maintained by cooperatives or charities are exempt from PPA funding rules until 2017 and continue to be subject to rules similar to those that were in place before PPA. Multiple-employer pension plans are maintained by two or more unrelated employers, but follow the pension rules that are in place for single-employer plans. Some single-employer plans that are currently exempt from PPA under section 104 would not be affected by this bill.

According to CBO, starting in calendar year 2014, H.R. 4275 would give new options for funding to the roughly 30 multiple-employer pension plans that are currently exempt under section 104 of PPA.¹

¹ <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/s1302.pdf>

According to the sponsor, the scope and effect of this bill is narrow: it is targeted to affect around 30 plans and just over 127,000 active employees, and poses virtually no risk that the plans would default to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC).

[S. 1302](#), an identical bill, passed the Senate on January 28, 2014, by unanimous consent.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on March 18, 2014, and was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and to the Committee on Ways and Means where it awaits further action.

Outside Groups: According to the sponsor, this bill has been endorsed by Christian Schools International; UJA, United Jewish Appeal, Federation of New York; United Way Worldwide; The Jewish Federations of North America; National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Hawkeye Insurance Association; Girl Scouts of America; NTCA, the Rural Broadband Association; and United Benefits Group; National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Administration Position: No statement of administration position was available at this time.

Cost to Taxpayers: CBO has not prepared an estimate on H.R. 4275; however, they did for S. 1302. [CBO](#) and JCT estimate that enacting S. 1302 would reduce deficits by \$178 million over the 2014-2023 period.

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

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.” Read the statement [here](#).

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