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DURYEA POST OFFICE BILL PASSES HOUSE

Entire New York Delegation Co-Sponsored Bill to Honor Legacy

Washington, DC—Legislation written by Congressman Tim Bishop to rename the Montauk Post Office in honor of Perry B. Duryea, Jr., passed the House of Representatives today by voice vote. Senator Chuck Schumer has introduced companion legislation in the United State Senate. Bishop introduced the bill just six weeks ago.

“This bill was able to pass quickly because of the great respect and admiration so many of us feel for Perry Duryea,” Bishop said. “Perry had so many friends on both sides of the aisle because he always put people ahead of partisanship. The Perry B. Duryea, Jr. United States Post Office will serve as a fitting and lasting tribute.”

Duryea was a former Speaker of the New York State Assembly and a lifelong resident of Montauk. All 29 members of the New York Congressional Delegation cosponsored Bishop’s legislation.

Born and raised in Montauk, Duryea took over the family wholesale seafood business, Perry Duryea & Son, after completing his service as a plane commander with the United States Naval Transport Service during World War II. After serving as a member of the Montauk Public Board of Education and as president of the Long Island State Park Commission, he was first elected to represent the First Assembly District of the New York State Legislature in 1960, and remained a member of the body until 1978.

After leaving politics following a bid for the governorship in 1978, Duryea returned home to Montauk to run his business and volunteer his time with numerous public and civic organizations, including Long Island Commercial Bank, where he served as Chairman of the Board. In recognition of his many contributions and achievements, Duryea received numerous honors, including the distinction of “Man of the Year” by the Montauk Chamber of Commerce, and the naming of a state office building after him. Duryea is survived by his wife, Marie Therese Duryea, and two children – Lynne Duryea and Perry “Chip” Duryea III.

Federal buildings, including Post Offices, must be renamed by legislation passed through Congress and signed by the president.

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