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H. RES. 449

Honoring the lives, work, and sacrifice of Joseph Curseen, Jr., and Thomas Morris, Jr., the two United States Postal Service employees and Washington, DC, natives who died as a result of their contact with anthrax while working at the United States Postal Facility located at 900 Brentwood Road, NE, Washington, DC, during the anthrax attack in the fall of 2001.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2011

Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the founders of the United States, recognizing the importance of a national system of mail to the new country, gave Congress the constitutional authority “To establish post offices and post roads”;

Whereas employees of the United States Postal Service provide an invaluable public service and honorably represent the United States on a daily basis;

Whereas Joseph P. Curseen, Jr., and Thomas L. Morris, Jr., both natives of Washington, DC, diligently and admirably served the Nation for decades as employees of the United States Postal Service;

Whereas in the fall of 2001, during the course of their jobs with the United States Postal Service, Joseph Curseen, Jr., and Thomas Morris, Jr., were exposed to letters containing anthrax that were placed in the mail and subsequently suffered from the inhalation of anthrax and thereafter died;

Whereas 5 individuals in the United States died from exposure to anthrax during the 2001 anthrax attacks and 17 became sick in the worst biological attack in the Nation's history; and

Whereas in 2002, the United States Postal Service facility located at 900 Brentwood Road, NE, Washington, DC, was designated as the "Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center" by Public Law 107-225: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the lives and work of Joseph Curseen, Jr., and Thomas
- 3 Morris, Jr., and acknowledges the sacrifice that they made
- 4 on behalf of the United States.

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