

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I am going to divert today from my normal story about Ludwig Koonz and my request to have him returned from Italy to his father here in the United States, to talk about and to ask Members to participate this month in the Picture Them Home campaign.

Nearly 2,000 children are reported missing every day in this Nation. The Picture Them Home campaign is an annual effort to encourage the public to really look at pictures of missing children and report what they know to the authorities. One in six missing children is recovered as a result, and it is vital that we take the pledge to Picture Them Home.

Mr. Speaker, there are a number of simple ways that Americans can get involved and help take a stand against child abduction and victimization, making America safer for our constituents. A packet on the Picture Them Home campaign will be delivered to Members' offices this week. I encourage Members and their staff to look at it and to work on the simple efforts that it will detail within that packet. If we all do our part, together we can renew interest in the cases of missing children that remain unsolved, and help more families bring their children home.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6:30 p.m. today.

CLARENCE B. CRAFT POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4486) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1590 East Joyce Boulevard in Fayetteville, Arkansas, as the "Clarence B. Craft Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4486

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CLARENCE B. CRAFT POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1590 East Joyce Boulevard in Fayetteville, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "Clarence B. Craft Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to

be a reference to the Clarence B. Craft Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4486.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4486, introduced by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Fayetteville, Arkansas, as the "Clarence B. Craft Post Office Building." Members of the entire House delegation from the State of Arkansas are cosponsors of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, an American hero passed away on Thursday, March 28, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Private First Class Clarence Craft received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Harry Truman for his faithful and courageous service to this country during World War II. He was 80 years old.

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Mr. Craft went on to become a regular volunteer at the local VA hospital in Fayetteville where he logged more than 9,300 hours helping fellow veterans. He also was a dedicated member of Fayetteville American Legion Post 27 where he was an active member for over 56 years.

Though we may honor Private Craft for his storied military career, Mr. Craft preferred to talk about his family whom he so dearly loved. Mr. Craft will be missed by all who knew him; and every American owes a debt of gratitude to him for his valiant service to this country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of H.R. 4486.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I rise in support of H.R. 4486, legislation naming a postal facility after Clarence B. Craft. H.R. 4486, introduced by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) on April 18, 2002, is supported and cosponsored by the entire Arkansas State congressional delegation.

The obituary in the Morning News said that Clarence B. Craft was born on September 23, 1921, in San Bernardino, California, and died on March 28, 2002,

in Fayetteville, Arkansas. It reported that he was retired from construction and that he was a recipient of the Medal of Honor. Indeed, Clarence B. Craft's life was distinguished by true heroism and service to his country, both during World War II and afterwards.

According to the citation accompanying Clarence Craft's Medal of Honor, on May 31, 1945, as a private first class in the U.S. Army, he, and I quote, "was a rifleman when his platoon spearheaded an attack on Hen Hill, the tactical position on which the line of enemy defense on Okinawa was hinged. For 12 days our forces had been installed and repeated heavy assaults had been thrown back by the enemy with serious casualties. Against odds that appeared suicidal, Private First Class Craft launched a remarkable one-man attack. He stood up in full view of the enemy and began shooting with deadly marksmanship whenever he saw hostile movement. Private First Class Craft killed at least 25 of the enemy. But his contribution to the campaign on Okinawa was of much more far-reaching consequence, for Hen Hill was the key to the entire defense line which rapidly crumbled after his utterly fearless and heroic attack."

Yet despite this display of heroism, Clarence Craft never thought of himself as a hero. He would often tell people that he did not do anything that any other GI would not do in my spot.

Clarence Craft's service did not end in World War II. According to the obituary that appeared in the Northwest Arkansas Times, he spent the last 25 years of his life in Arkansas, where he served others through volunteerism at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and National Cemetery. There is a Clarence B. Craft primary care center on the hospital grounds. In addition, Mr. Craft was recognized for his almost 9,000 hours of service between 1992 and 2000 with a volunteer service award from the Veterans Affairs Office. United States Senator BLANCHE LINCOLN observed that "Clarence Craft's continued commitment to his country and his community was impressive. Even after he retired, he went on to donate thousands of hours to helping fellow veterans. That is a tremendous example of selflessness above and beyond his heroism fighting for our country."

Mr. Speaker, Clarence Craft was the epitome of what a good citizen should be, a man who served his country through heroic deeds in war and dedicated volunteerism in peace. By naming the post office at 1590 East Joyce Boulevard in Fayetteville, Arkansas, for him, we will be remembering a true American hero and a great citizen.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the sponsor of this legislation.