

to thank Congressman LANE EVANS for offering H. Res. 342, and I urge my colleagues to pass this historic legislation.

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 342.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Resolution 342.

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

There was no objection.

BRIAN C. HICKEY POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2452) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2452

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

SECTION 1. BRIAN C. HICKEY POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Brian C. Hickey 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 Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PLATTS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PLATTS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PLATTS. 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. 2452.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2452, introduced by my distinguished colleague from the State of New York (Mr. KING), designates the postal facility in Bethpage, New York, as the Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation honors an extraordinary American. For more than 2 years now, people all over the world have heard stories of the uncommon courage of the New York City emergency service personnel who responded to the September 11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York. When the first plane hit the north tower, numerous firefighters, law enforcement personnel, medical personnel and others traveled to the World Trade Center, entered the building, headed up the stairs towards the fire, and never appeared again.

Captain Brian Hickey was one of these intensely brave patriots whom we lost on that fateful day. Captain Hickey was with the Fire Department of New York for 20 years. He was the leader of Rescue Company No. 4. On the morning of September 11, 2001, Captain Hickey never hesitated as he put the lives of others ahead of his own and marched up the stairs of the south tower to fight the overpowering blaze. Just before 10 a.m. that morning, the south tower unthinkably collapsed, the first of the two towers to fall.

It is very fitting and appropriate for this House to revisit the courage, the patriotism, and the amazing compassion for fellow Americans exhibited by people like Brian Hickey on September 11, 2001. That unbelievably tragic day united all Americans in a way that no event has done in more than a generation. We will be wise to never forget what this Nation went through on that fateful day and to always remember the sacrifices of Brian Hickey. Captain Hickey made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation and for his fellow citizens. With the passage of H.R. 2452, this Congress can immortalize Brian Hickey's courageous legacy by naming this post office after him in his hometown of Bethpage, New York.

For all of these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support H.R. 2452, which honors the life and service of Captain Brian C. Hickey. I commend the gentleman from New York for his work on such a meaningful piece of legislation, and I look forward to his words regarding Captain Hickey.

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, I am pleased to rise in support of H.R. 2452, the bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building.

As a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am honored

to join my colleague in consideration of this legislation. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2452 was sponsored by the gentleman from New York (Mr. KING) on June 12, 2003. This measure has met the committee cosponsorship policy and has the support of the entire New York delegation.

Mr. Speaker, Brian Hickey, a 20-year veteran of the New York City Fire Department, was fire captain of Rescue 4, an elite group based in Woodside, Queens, New York. On September 11, 2001, Brian was filling in for a Rescue 3 captain when an emergency signal was sent to the men of Rescue 3 from the Bronx to the World Trade Center minutes after a plane hit the north tower. None of the eight men in the company survived. Mr. Hickey was not formally identified until June of this year when a bone fragment was identified as belonging to him. Prior to that, the only item found 2 years ago at Ground Zero was Brian's battered New York City Fire Department helmet.

Who was Brian Hickey? Well, according to Fire Commissioner Bill Ura, a close friend and colleague, Brian was a 27-year member of the Bethpage Fire District. A lifelong resident of Bethpage, Brian served as chief officer of the Nassau County Fireman's Training Center and as an elected official of the Bethpage Volunteer Fire District.

He was noted as being a loving father, husband, and son. Brian was doing what he was trained to do on September 11, 2001, and that is respond to major fires, rescuing his firefighting colleagues and the public from harm.

Captain Hickey's death on 9-11 was especially tragic because he had just returned to duty after barely escaping death a month earlier when an explosion occurred and he was blown out of a building in Queens, New York. He survived, but three of his men died. As I understand it, Brian Hickey, after recuperating from his injuries, returned to work on Wednesday, September 5, 2001, and perished at the World Trade Center on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my profound sympathies to the family and friends of Captain Brian Hickey and commend my colleague for seeking to honor the life and work of a firefighter who died in the line of duty.

Brian Hickey really represented the best of what America has been and what America continues to be, that is, made up of ordinary people who are willing to do extraordinary things when situations and circumstances call for them. So I would urge swift passage of this legislation as we honor the life and the legacy now of Brian Hickey.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the sponsor of this legislation, the gentleman from New York (Mr. KING).

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding me this time. I