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*Provided further*, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

**LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, KANSAS CITY, MO**

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, that, pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized to lease up to 1,552,500 rentable square feet for the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration currently located at the Bannister Federal Complex in Kansas City, MO, at a proposed total annual cost of \$58,995,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the procurement includes minimum performance requirements requiring energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

**ALTERATIONS IN LEASED SPACE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, SAN DIEGO, CA**

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, that, pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for the alteration of leased space at 4181 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation centralized Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Fusion Center, at design costs of \$300,000, and estimated construction costs of \$2,936,000, for an estimated project cost of \$3,236,000, a prospectus which is attached to and included in this resolution.

*Provided*, that, to the maximum extent practicable and considering life-cycle costs appropriate for the geographic area, the General Services Administration (“GSA”) shall use energy efficient and renewable energy systems, including photovoltaic systems, in carrying out the project.

*Provided further*, that, within 180 days of approval of this resolution, GSA shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the U.S. Senate a report on the planned use of energy efficient

and renewable energy systems, including photovoltaic systems, for such project and, if such systems are not used for the project, the specific rationale for GSA’s decision.

*Provided further*, that, beginning on the date of approval of this resolution, each alteration, design, or construction prospectus submitted by GSA shall include an estimate of the future energy performance of the building and a specific description of the use of energy efficient and renewable energy systems, including photovoltaic systems, in carrying out the project.

**ALTERATIONS IN LEASED SPACE, BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT, MINERAL WELLS, WV**

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, that, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for the installation of a backup generator and uninterruptible power supply at the Bureau of the Public Debt’s Contingency and Alternate Processing Site facility located in Mineral Wells, WV, at design costs of \$50,000, management and inspection costs of \$68,000 and estimated construction costs of \$1,737,000, for an estimated project cost of \$1,855,000, a prospectus for which is attached to, and included in, this resolution.

*Provided*, that, to the maximum extent practicable and considering life-cycle costs appropriate for the geographic area, the General Services Administration (“GSA”) shall use energy efficient and renewable energy systems, including photovoltaic systems, in carrying out the project.

*Provided further*, that, within 180 days of approval of this resolution, GSA shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the U.S. Senate a report on the planned use of energy efficient and renewable energy systems, including photovoltaic systems, for such project and, if such systems are not used for the project, the specific rationale for GSA’s decision.

*Provided further*, that, beginning on the date of approval of this resolution, each alteration, design, or construction prospectus submitted by GSA shall include an estimate of the future energy performance of the building and a specific description of the use of energy efficient and renewable energy systems, including photovoltaic systems, in carrying out the project.

There was no objection.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions 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.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

**MASTER SERGEANT KENNETH N. MACK POST OFFICE BUILDING**

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3988) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3107 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the “Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3988

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

**SECTION 1. MASTER SERGEANT KENNETH N. MACK POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, shall be known and designated as the “Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack 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 “Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia? There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleagues in consideration of H.R. 3988, which names the postal facility in Fort Worth, Texas, after Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack.

H.R. 3988, which was introduced by Representative KAY GRANGER of Texas on October 29, 2007, was reported from the Oversight Committee on December 12, 2007, by voice vote. This measure, which has been cosponsored by 31 Members, has the support of the entire Texas congressional delegation.

Master Sergeant Mack was both a U.S. Marine and a postal employee for over 20 years before being killed in Iraq on February 5 during combat operations.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague and to urge the swift passage of this bill.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, today we honor the life of Marine Corps Master Sergeant Kenneth Mack, a soldier who strongly believed in the fight for freedom and was a true American hero.

In 1982, shortly after graduating from Southwest High School, Master Sergeant Mack joined the Marines, where he served honorably for 23 years. Master Sergeant Mack was a Postal Service mechanic and Master Sergeant in the Marine Reserve assigned to the

Second Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

In March of last year, this dedicated soldier was called to duty in Iraq for the second time and once again had to leave his family to serve his country. On the morning of May 5th of that year, a roadside bomb struck Master Sergeant Mack's vehicle in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. In a flash, an outstanding 23-year Marine Corps career was over and he was killed.

A passionate family man, Sergeant Mack's wife remembers him as a person who put his family first and made sure the family participated in many activities together. His primary goal in life was to be a mentor for his children and to all children, according to his wife. He leaves behind his wife, mother and two children. I might just add, obviously he put his country first, too.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his service to his community and country as a Postal Service mechanic and Marine, we feel it is fitting to name the postal facility located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Forth Worth, Texas, in honor of Master Sergeant Kenneth Mack.

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

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I want to take note of the fact that this was probably a member of the Reserve or National Guard, because for over 20 years he had been a member of the Postal Service, which also comes under the jurisdiction of this committee.

I think it bears underlining how much of the armed services of the United States today is made up of the post office, civil servants, first responders, often needed at home, but always willing to go where their country needs them. I find this a particularly deserving measure and urge passage of the bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3988.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ARMY PFC JUAN ALONSO  
COVARRUBIAS POST OFFICE  
BUILDING

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3720) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas, as the "Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3720

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

SECTION 1. ARMY PFC JUAN ALONSO  
COVARRUBIAS POST OFFICE BUILD-  
ING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias 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 "Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia? There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in consideration of H.R. 3720, which names the postal facility in Waco, Texas, after Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias.

H.R. 3720, which was introduced by Representative CHET EDWARDS on October 7, 2007, was reported from the Oversight Committee on December 12, 2007, by voice vote. This measure has been cosponsored by 31 Members and has the support of the entire Texas delegation.

The bill is named after a servicemember who served and died as an airborne paratrooper in the Vietnam war in 1969. As a member of the Army Selective Service, he served in Thua Thien, South Vietnam. Through his efforts and sacrifice, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Bronze Star Medal. His name appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. I urge swift passage of this bill.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, on April 19, 1948, an American hero was born. His name was Juan Alonso Covarrubias. He was raised in Waco, Texas, but moved to Dallas, where he was drafted in 1968 into the United States Army. At the age of 20, he served courageously in Vietnam as an airborne paratrooper. It was there on April 24, 1969, in the Thua Thien Province, where he tragically lost his life while defending his country.

Army Private First Class Covarrubias was buried with full military honors on April 4, 1969. Among his awards and decorations for his remarkable achievements are the Bronze Star

Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Expert Badge and Rifle Bar, Marksman Badge with Auto Rifle Bar, Sharpshooter Badge and Machine Gun Bar.

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His service has also been acknowledged at the Waco Vietnam Veterans Memorial and on the veterans wall in Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, let us recognize the courageous service and ultimate sacrifice of Army Private First Class Juan Alonso Covarrubias by renaming the post office located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas, in his honor.

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

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may require to the Member from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS) who sponsored this resolution.

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, let me first thank my colleagues for joining with me in honoring this great American. I rise today in support of H.R. 3720, which salutes the service and sacrifice of Army Private First Class Juan Alonso Covarrubias by naming a U.S. Post Office in Waco, Texas, my hometown, in his honor.

For generations to come, citizens in Waco will be reminded that Mr. Covarrubias in the prime of his life in 1969, in the words of Lincoln, gave his "last full measure of devotion" to country.

In doing so, Mr. Covarrubias joined the hallowed hall of heroes who, throughout our Nation's history, have given their lives and duty to country. Juan Alonso Covarrubias was born on April 19, 1948. He was raised in Waco and, as mentioned, later moved to Dallas. In 1968, he answered his country's call to duty. He served in the Army's famed 101st Airborne Division and arrived in Vietnam on November 28, 1968, as a young 20-year-old airborne paratrooper.

On March 24, 1969, just 1 month after the birth of his daughter, Tammy, this young father gave his life so very far from home. It is that type of incredible sacrifice that should remind us all that we are the land of the free, because we are still the home of the brave.

With full military honors, Mr. Covarrubias was buried in Waco on Good Friday in 1969. While his final resting place may be there at Waco Memorial Park, I have faith that his spirit will touch the lives of others who will be inspired by this young man's love of country.

Mr. Covarrubias is honored at the Waco Vietnam Veterans Memorial and on the Veterans Wall in Washington D.C. He earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, Expert Badge with Rifle Bar, Marksman Badge with Auto Rifle Bar, and the Sharpshooter Badge with Machine Gun Bar.