

acts of our men and women in the Armed Forces, who willingly serve knowing that at any time they could pay the ultimate sacrifice. Renaming the post office will help ensure that future generations forever remember that sacrifice and understand the true cost of freedom.

I ask my colleagues for your support on this legislation.

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4987.

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.

SPECIALIST ROSS A. MCGINNIS MEMORIAL POST OFFICE

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 433) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the "Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 433

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

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Ross Andrew McGinnis was born and raised in Knox, Pennsylvania, the son of Tom and Romayne McGinnis.

(2) Specialist McGinnis joined the Army in 2004 and following his training, was assigned to 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

(3) On December 4, 2006, McGinnis was killed in action while serving in Iraq. For his actions that day, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President George W. Bush on June 2, 2008.

(4) From the official Medal of Honor Army Citation:

(A) Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis, United States Army. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

(B) Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an M2 .50-caliber Machine Gunner, 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, in connection with combat operations against an armed enemy in Adhamiyah, Northeast Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 December 2006.

(C) That afternoon his platoon was conducting combat control operations in an effort to reduce and control sectarian violence in the area. While Private McGinnis was manning the M2 .50-caliber Machine Gun, a fragmentation grenade thrown by an insurgent fell through the gunner's hatch into the vehicle. Reacting quickly, he yelled "gre-

nade," allowing all four members of his crew to prepare for the grenade's blast. Then, rather than leaping from the gunner's hatch to safety, Private McGinnis made the courageous decision to protect his crew. In a selfless act of bravery, in which he was mortally wounded, Private McGinnis covered the live grenade, pinning it between his body and the vehicle and absorbing most of the explosion.

(D) Private McGinnis' gallant action directly saved four men from certain serious injury or death. Private First Class McGinnis' extraordinary heroism and selflessness at the cost of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

SEC. 2. SPECIALIST ROSS A. MCGINNIS MEMORIAL POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office".

(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 "Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

I rise today in support of H.R. 433, introduced by Congressman GLENN THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 433 designates the post office located at 523 East Railroad Street, in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office.

This bill honors a remarkably brave soldier and Medal of Honor recipient, Army Specialist Ross McGinnis. This young man's story is one of incredible sacrifice. When enemy combatants launched a grenade into the vehicle occupied by Specialist McGinnis and his fellow soldiers, Specialist McGinnis' reaction was one of inconceivable bravery. He thrust his own body on top of the grenade to save the lives of his comrades.

In a moment I will ask my colleague, Congressman THOMPSON, the sponsor of this bill, to share more about this hero and his incredible story. In the meantime, I want to urge Members to support this bill to name a post office to honor McGinnis' life and his sacrifice.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 433, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office.

There are a number of post offices that we are bringing forward today, recognizing the sacrifice and the commitment of our American citizens to our country. It is noteworthy to put into the RECORD that Ross McGinnis was promoted after death to Specialist and received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the prestigious Medal of Honor for his heroic actions.

Mr. Speaker, we should pass this bill to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice that Specialist Ross McGinnis made to our country. I urge its passage.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, in just a few days, people across the Nation will pause on Memorial Day to remember the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice, losing their lives as members of America's Armed Forces.

As a Member of Congress and an Army dad, with my son, Logan, being wounded in Iraq, I know some of the struggles our military families go through every day. I also know how courageous and strong our fighting men and women are, and the bravery of those who did not make it home.

I rise in support of H.R. 433, which re-names the United States Post Office in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office, a designation which will honor an exceptionally brave young man.

Medal of Honor recipient Ross A. McGinnis was born June 14, 1987, Flag Day, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, the son of Tom and Romayne McGinnis. He was killed in the line of duty on December 4, 2006, while serving in Iraq.

Ross grew up in the community of Knox, located in Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District. He attended Clarion County Public Schools and was a member of the Boy Scouts, along with participating in basketball, soccer, and Little League Baseball. He was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Knox, and a 2005 graduate of Keystone Junior-Senior High School.

Ross had long wanted to be a soldier, and in 2004, on his 17th birthday, he visited an Army recruiting center and joined the delayed entry program.

Following his initial training, Ross was deployed to eastern Baghdad in August of 2006. He served as an M2 .50-caliber machine gunner in the 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, in support of operations intended to combat an intense insurgency in that region.

On December 4, 2006, McGinnis' platoon was on mounted patrol in

Adhamiyah. During the course of the patrol, an insurgent on a nearby rooftop threw a grenade into the vehicle Ross was riding in. Without hesitation or regard for his own life, McGinnis threw his body on top of the grenade, saving the lives of his fellow soldiers. Posthumously, he was promoted to Specialist and was awarded the Silver Star.

On June 2, 2008, he was awarded the Medal of Honor. In part, his citation reads his "extraordinary heroism and selflessness at the cost of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

It is my hope that through the naming of this post office, his heroism and selflessness will live long through the ages.

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, again, I urge the passage of H.R. 433.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 433.

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.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ADAM BROWN UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3931) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Central Avenue Suite 1A in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the "Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3931

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

SECTION 1. CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ADAM BROWN UNITED STATES POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Central Avenue Suite 1A in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office".

(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 "Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

I rise in support of H.R. 3931, introduced by Congressman BRUCE WESTERMAN of Arkansas. H.R. 3931 designates the post office located at 620 Central Avenue, Suite 1A, in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office.

Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown was a true American hero and someone who I hope will serve as an inspiration to many. Adam went from drug addiction, theft, and prison time to a life devoted to faith, family, and country.

A decorated Navy SEAL, Adam served multiple tours of duty and lost an eye and multiple fingers, but returned to duty nonetheless. One tour in Afghanistan was not just to fight for his country. He went to give away 500 pairs of shoes to Afghan children that he had collected as a personal project.

Adam's legacy should live on in our hearts and minds as well as in physical remembrance. I urge Members to support this bill and name a post office after this hero, Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3931, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office.

Adam Brown never did anything halfway. He was always ready to push aside his own needs to help others. Adam joined the Navy in 1998. It was not long before he became a Navy SEAL and eventually served as a member of the elite SEAL Team Six and a special operations task force deployed to Afghanistan.

Again, we have the opportunity here in Congress to recognize sometimes the quiet, but amazing, contributions of our military and of this individual we bring forward to be named today. We should pass this bill to remember the tenacity of Chief Petty Officer Brown and to honor his valiant military service.

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the fine gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN).

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Jesus said: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." This poignant verse is inscribed on the headstone of Arkansas and American hero and Hot Springs native Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown. Adam's story is a story of loyalty and dedication to the American way of life, and it is an inspiring testament to overcoming adversity through faith.

True to the Navy SEAL creed, Adam's strength and leadership abilities were forged by adversity. Although Adam's eagerness for risk led to trouble in his youth, his determination to do the right thing, fueled by a love for his family, faith, and country, led him to become a member of the elite SEAL Team Six.

On March 17, 2010, while conducting a raid on an enemy stronghold in Komar province, Afghanistan, Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown selflessly placed himself in the enemy's line of fire to protect and assist his brothers in arms.

Though his brave actions relieved the fire on his teammates and ultimately led to the capture of the stronghold, Adam was struck and killed by enemy fire. Many Members of this body as well as countless others have read Adam's inspiring life story in the best-selling book "Fearless."

Mr. Speaker, during this week before Memorial Day, it is my hope that this piece of legislation will not only serve to honor Chief Petty Officer Brown, but that it will also honor all of the men and women from Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District who have laid down their lives in defense of the United States of America and freedom.

As we remember the fallen, let us also remember those who gave mentally, physically, and emotionally, people like Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Mills, Jr., who survived his helicopter being shot down 16 times and who was awarded three Silver Stars for his heroic actions in Vietnam.

I thank Chairman CHAFFETZ and Ranking Member CUMMINGS and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee for their attention to this piece of legislation.

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 3931.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of the bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3931.

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.