

MIDDLE CLASS RELIEF IN TAX PACKAGE

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last night, the House finally passed on a bipartisan basis and sent to the President a middle class tax relief package which also included extended unemployment insurance. For the middle class, it provides tax relief of \$1,500 for a typical working family with income up to \$75,000; \$1,000 for income at \$50,000; and \$500 for incomes of \$25,000. It also includes extended unemployment insurance, a 13-month extension of Federal support for 99 weeks of unemployment insurance for laid-off workers.

The package also includes the child tax credit, extends the child tax credit for 2 years. It's worth about \$1,000, doubled from \$500 for qualifying children under the age of 17. And a payroll tax cut creates a \$120 billion payroll tax cut that's worth about \$1,400 for the average New Jersey household of \$71,000 in average income. Alternative minimum tax relief, earned income tax credit, higher education tax credit to help afford sending your children to college, and also tax cuts for business investment, basically allowing businesses to expense all of their qualified investments in 2011.

I think it was very important that we passed this, Mr. Speaker. I'm glad it's now going to the President.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE). 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 incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT WILSON COLLINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3592) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia, as the "First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3592

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

SECTION 1. FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT WILSON COLLINS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100

Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins 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 "First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. 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 gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. CUELLAR. I now yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I'm pleased to present S. 3592, legislation that designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 100 Commerce Drive, Tyrone, Georgia, as the First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building.

Introduced by Senator SAXBY CHAMBLISS of Georgia, S. 3592 passed the Senate unanimously yesterday, December 16, 2010.

Mr. Speaker, First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, out of Fort Stewart, Georgia. A class of 2008 graduate of West Point, Lieutenant Collins deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in the fall of 2009 and served as a platoon leader while his unit provided support during the national elections in Iraq.

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Understanding the importance of maintaining the morale of the unit's soldiers and keeping them connected to family and friends at home, Lieutenant Collins maintained a Facebook page for the unit, allowing the unit to share photos and messages with loved ones.

Sadly, on April 7, 2010, Lieutenant Collins was killed when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device in Mosul, Iraq. He was 24 years of age.

Lieutenant Collins is survived by his parents, Retired Lieutenant Colonels Deacon and Sharon Collins, and Nicole, his childhood sweetheart and girlfriend of 8 years.

Mr. Speaker, let us pay tribute to the life and service of First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins by designating this postal facility on Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia, his home town.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting Senate bill 3592, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am very honored to join in with my colleague Congressman CUELLAR in support of this legislation which was introduced by Senator SAXBY CHAMBLISS. I know that it has been championed by Congressman LYNN WESTMORELAND.

I particularly have an interest in recognizing Lieutenant Collins. I am very grateful, myself, to be the son of a Flying Tiger. I am very grateful to have served for 31 years in the Army Guard and Reserve. In fact, I was stationed many summers at Fort Stewart, Georgia, so I identify with the 3rd Infantry Division. I am particularly grateful that I have four sons currently serving in the military. Two of my sons have served in Iraq. And so I know the great efforts of our troops and the sacrifices of military families.

His obituary truly indicates an extraordinary young person:

"First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins of Tyrone, Georgia, was killed in action on April 7, 2010, in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. First Lieutenant Collins was born in 1985 in Red Bank, New Jersey, and graduated from Sandy Creek High School, class of 2004. After high school, he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, class of 2008. First Lieutenant Collins was the first member of the United States Military Academy class of 2008 to die in combat. He was serving as a platoon leader in B Company, 1-64 Armor Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

"He is survived by his parents, Lieutenant Colonel Retired Burkitt Deacon Collins and Lieutenant Colonel Retired Sharon L.G. Collins of Tyrone, Georgia; paternal grandmother, Susan R. Collins of Laurel, Mississippi; aunts, Susan D. Groff of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Mary Margaret Anderson and her husband Robert Earl of Ellisville, Mississippi; and Susan G. Stringfellow of Purvis, Mississippi; childhood sweetheart and girlfriend of 8 years, Nicolle Williams of Tyrone, Georgia; best friend, Andrew Gardner of Miami, Florida; his band of brothers: First Lieutenant Andrew Collins, First Lieutenant Sean Flachs, First Lieutenant Tim Konze, First Lieutenant Dan McLeod, Greg Maduro, First Lieutenant Phil Raquepau, and First Lieutenant Clifford Walker; battle buddy, First Lieutenant John F. Parsons; and numerous friends, extended family members, and comrades in arms."

Funeral services were held April 17 at New Hope Baptist Church at 10 o'clock, and it was conducted by Rev. Scott Pickering, Dr. Rick Long, and Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Mark Fairbrother officiating. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Newnan, Georgia. And in lieu of flowers, there