

price than Marine EOD and Army EOD during this conflict.

So as we honor Master Sergeant Fedder, hopefully we will recognize that he didn't come home, many other EOD technicians didn't come home, and many who came home came home injured because, in fact, you cannot expect these IEDs not to be set off as you walk up to them.

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Only a week ago, I was at the Kennedy Center where they honored a countless number of individuals who had been wounded warriors. Disproportionately, I saw the badge of the EOD technician on many of these individuals. They were operating from wheelchairs, and they were operating with terrible, terrible scars.

The master sergeant did not come home, and that is tragic. But let's understand this post office naming is being named after those men and women who serve day in and day out in Iraq, Afghanistan and here at home, to disarm explosives that most people would simply run away from.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers and want to close by again urging adoption of this bill. H.R. 3220 renames the post office in Pine City, Minnesota, after Master Sergeant Fedder, who gave his life in the name of freedom and service to our country. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. In closing, I join my colleague in this bipartisan effort to name the post office after Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor of H.R. 3220, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, MN as the Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office.

A Minnesota native and sixteen year veteran of the Marine Corps, Master Sergeant Fedder was serving his fourth tour overseas and his first in Afghanistan when he was mortally wounded by an Improvised Explosive Device on August 27, 2010. During his tour in Afghanistan, he demonstrated incredible courage in disposing of more than 25 improvised explosive devices. His actions saved the lives of countless fellow service members and Afghan civilians. At only 34 years of age, Master Sgt. Fedder had dedicated nearly half of his life to military service, during which time he was cited for his professionalism and strong leadership.

His life serves as a towering example of the courage, valor and dedication of our servicemen and women. H.R. 3220 is an important step to honor the memory of Master Sgt. Fedder's sacrifice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3220.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

SPECIALIST PETER J. NAVARRO POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3246) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3246

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

SECTION 1. SPECIALIST PETER J. NAVARRO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, shall be known and designated as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro 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 "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members 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 California?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the author of this bill, Representative TODD AKIN of Missouri, who has authored this bill and carried it throughout the process, including here today.

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3246, a bill I introduced to honor the life of Peter J. Navarro by designating the post office in Ballwin, Missouri, as the Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building.

A resident of Wildwood, Missouri, Specialist Peter J. Navarro was part of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team and the 1st Armored Division. On December 13, 2005, Specialist Navarro was one of four soldiers killed when a roadside bomb detonated near their Humvee during combat operations in Taji, Iraq.

A graduate of Lafayette High School, Peter declined his acceptance at Tru-

man State University so that he could join the Army right after his graduation. When Peter returned home for his younger brother's funeral, he was faced with the undeniable risks of serving his country. However, he returned to Iraq, telling friends and family that without him "they would be a man short. They need me there."

Peter was a dedicated soldier, willing to give the ultimate sacrifice to protect his country and the men and women who reside there. As Peter's father, Retired Chief Petty Officer Jose Navarro, said, "He cared for the soldiers he worked with. He would do anything for his friends. And he told me he believed in what the mission was."

As the father of three marines, I have watched my boys deploy to both Iraq and Afghanistan. As such, it's a privilege to stand here today to honor one of our fallen soldiers. Peter's commitment and dedication to his country is a shining example of how our military men and women are the finest our Nation has to offer. He and his family's sacrifice should serve as a reminder to all of us that the freedom we enjoy as Americans is not free, but it's the result of the tremendous bravery and selfless service of men and women willing to put themselves in harm's way for freedom's cause. Our Nation will be forever indebted to Specialist Peter Navarro.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Peter. Vote "yes" on H.R. 3246.

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

On behalf of the Democratic members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I stand in support of the consideration of H.R. 3246. This bill designates the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building.

The measure before us was first introduced by my friend and colleague, Representative TODD AKIN of Missouri, on October 24, 2011. In accordance with committee requirements, the entire Missouri delegation serves as cosponsors to the bill.

Peter J. Navarro was a resident of Wildwood, Missouri, and a graduate of Lafayette High School. In honor of his service, Specialist Navarro has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star. He was a dedicated soldier, willing to give the ultimate sacrifice to protect his country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we recognize Specialist Navarro's life and pass the underlying bill without reservation. Passage of H.R. 3246 is but a small token of appreciation for the faithful service of an outstanding American soldier, and I urge its immediate adoption.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I join with my colleagues from Missouri on the left and the right that we

are united by the naming of this post office on behalf of our fallen hero. Few things unite us in Congress like a recognition that men and women today are still paying the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Knowing the risk, serving a long time, Peter Navarro knew what he was doing when he went back to Iraq, and he did so knowing the risks that he took.

Many youth in America take risks, and they know not what they do and they lose their life; but the men and women of the Armed Forces know the risk, and particularly when they've already been in combat, return home, and go again. Sadly, more and more are going again for the second, third and fourth time; and Peter was no exception.

So today, as we name this post office on behalf of our fallen heroes from Missouri, hopefully we will take time to reflect about the many from Missouri who will not have something named after them but should never be forgotten for their sacrifice and their contribution to the freedoms we enjoy.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for his comments. I have no further speakers.

Let us join together and support the passage of H.R. 3246 in honor of Specialist Peter J. Navarro.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3246.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2158) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the "Wayne Grisham Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2158

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

SECTION 1. WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901

Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, shall be known and designated as the "Wayne Grisham 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 "Wayne Grisham Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

H.R. 2158, introduced by my colleague and friend, the gentlelady from California, Ms. LINDA SÁNCHEZ, would designate the facility of the United States Post Office located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the "Wayne Grisham Post Office."

This bill enjoys bipartisan support. In fact, every Member of the California delegation supports it, all 53.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that Wayne Grisham, a man who dedicated his life to public service, be recognized. Born in 1923, Mr. Grisham served as a fighter pilot in World War II and was shot down over Germany, earning a Purple Heart.

After a successful career in real estate, Mr. Grisham was elected to the La Mirada City Council, where he served for 8 years. In 1978, he was elected to serve as a Member of this body, representing California's 33rd Congressional District. He served for two terms.

In 1983, he was appointed by then President Reagan to serve as the director of the Peace Corps in Kenya. After his service in Kenya, Mr. Grisham was elected to the California State Assembly in 1984, where he served until 1998.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, on January of this year, Mr. Grisham died at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, his son, daughter, and five grandchildren.

After his death, he was described by the distinguished chairman of the Rules Committee, Mr. DREIER—who Mr. Grisham lost to in a 1982 reelection bid—as being the model of civility and a true gentleman. Mr. Speaker, we don't hear that very much in this body. I'll repeat it; as the model of civility and a true gentleman.

I urge Members to join me in supporting this legislation in honoring a true public servant.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I join with my colleague from the other side of the aisle and rise in support of H.R. 2158, which would rename the U.S. postal facility at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the "Wayne Grisham Post Office."

This bill was first introduced by my colleague and friend, Representative LINDA SÁNCHEZ of California. The bill is widely supported by the members of the California delegation and has been properly vetted and approved by the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

At this time I would like to yield such time as she may consume to my good friend and colleague, Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2158, a bill which would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada as the Wayne Grisham Post Office.

We could not be honoring a more deserving member of the Southern California community. Wayne Grisham dedicated his life to our country and to southern California. He valiantly served as a fighter pilot during World War II and was held as a prisoner of war when his plane was shot down over Germany. Mr. Grisham was awarded the Purple Heart and Air Medal for his courageous service.

After the war, Wayne returned home to Whittier College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics and went on to teach elementary school in Long Beach. Eventually, an entrepreneurial spirit led Mr. Grisham to open his own realty business in La Mirada, which he maintained for much of his life.

A self-described "conservative do-gooder," his dedication to our local community was truly remarkable. Mr. Grisham proudly served the city of La Mirada for over two decades, beginning in 1970 when he was elected to the city council. He later went on to be the mayor of that city.

Wayne once said, "I think of myself as an average guy, and I think it was the average guy who elected me." It was that connection with the community that guided Wayne throughout his career.

Mr. Grisham continued his service to the community with his election to Congress in 1978 and the California State Assembly in 1984. He also lent his talents to the Peace Corps, serving as director in Kenya.

More important than his dedication to our local community was Wayne's life as a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He married his high school sweetheart, Millie Watt, in 1944 and had three beautiful children—Cathy, Randy, and Kellie. Wayne was also blessed with seven grandchildren.

Wayne's daughter Kellie recently remembered her father this way: "He was always smiling and always had a kind word. He loved when he could help people. He took great pride in the work he