

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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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

did for the city of La Mirada, the State of California, and the United States of America. He was a genuinely sincere person with great integrity. He believed in treating everyone with respect."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the service and memory of this dedicated civic leader.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, it is now my honor to yield such time as he may consume to a friend and colleague who would like to speak on Mr. Grisham's behalf, the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS).

Mr. LEWIS of California. I want to first say I very much appreciate my colleagues' recognizing the service of our dear friend Wayne Grisham.

In my early days in the Congress, Arlene and I spent a good deal of time with Wayne and Millie. We traveled together and talked often of other trips we could take with one another. Our favorite place in the West, for example, is Catalina Island, and we had planned to spend at least one weekend—if not many—there together. It is with great regret that I rise today in recognition of his passing in January.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, having no additional speakers, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2158, which renames the La Miranda, California, post office after Mr. Wayne Grisham, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I arise to honor the life of my friend and colleague Wayne Grisham. During our early years in Congress, Wayne and his wife Millie became our dear friends. We traveled together and often talked of a weekend at our mutual favorite place in the west—Catalina Island. We miss them both in our lives.

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. 2158.

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.

WILLIAM T. TRANT POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2767) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the "William T. Trant Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2767

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

SECTION 1. WILLIAM T. TRANT POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, shall be known and designated as the "William T. Trant 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 "William T. Trant 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 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. 2767, introduced by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER), would designate the facility of the United States Post Office located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the "William T. Trant Post Office Building." This bill is cosponsored by the entire Massachusetts delegation and was favorably reported unanimously from our committee in November.

Mr. Speaker, William Trant was a man truly dedicated to serving both his country and his community.

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In 1943 he enlisted in the Army and saw combat in Europe, suffering wounds at both Normandy and Rhineland. For his service, he was awarded the Purple Heart, as well as numerous other service medals.

After returning from war, Mr. Trant began his career working for the United States Post Office there in Westfield. Following a short stint with the New York Giants minor league baseball team, Mr. Trant returned to his career at the postal service—as we know in government, it's always good to have a backup job if you're going to pitch—where he would continue to serve for 32 years.

Mr. Trant rose to the rank of the postmaster of that post office that he served in up through the process. He also, though, did many community works, including serving on the Westfield City Council for near 20 years and, in 1962, also served as acting mayor. It is fitting that we name the Westfield Post Office after its postmaster.

In 1967 he served as procurement officer in the Springfield Post Office, as well as the procurement director of services in the northeast postal district in Hartford, Connecticut.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, in 2002 Mr. Trant passed away. He is remembered by many in Westfield as both an exemplary citizen and a person of character.

I urge all Members to join in support of this legislation to honor a true public servant, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I am pleased to rise in support of H.R. 2767, this bill to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the William T. Trant Post Office Building.

The measure was first introduced by my colleague, Representative JOHN OLVER of Massachusetts, on August 1, 2011. The entire Massachusetts delegation supports the bill. Having met all of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee's requirements, H.R. 2767 was reported favorably by the committee on November 3, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I yield such time as he may consume to my friend from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER).

Mr. OLVER. I thank the gentleman from Missouri for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 2767, a bill that would designate the United States Post Office at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the William T. Trant Post Office Building.

William Trant was an exemplary citizen, a soldier, a father, a public servant, and a pillar of his community.

Born and raised in Westfield, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, and participated in five of the great campaigns of World War II, including the invasion of Normandy. He was decorated with several military honors, including the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Purple Heart with an oak leaf cluster for wounds sustained at Normandy and at Rhineland.

After being honorably discharged at the end of the war, Mr. Trant returned home and worked for the U.S. Post Office in Westfield, leaving briefly to pitch for a minor league baseball team affiliated with the New York Giants.

He served on Westfield's City Council for nearly 20 years, served as acting mayor in 1962 following the death of Westfield's incumbent mayor. Through his service, he became friends with many Massachusetts political figures from both parties, including President John Kennedy, Senator Edward Kennedy, Congressman Silvio Conte, and House Speaker Tip O'Neill.

In 1967, Mr. Trant was appointed postmaster at the Westfield Post Office, a title which he proudly held while serving for many years.

Mr. Trant was actively involved in sports programs for the young people of Westfield, including the Westfield Little League, Westfield Babe Ruth and Westfield American Legion Baseball.

He and his wife, Mary, were devoted parents to nine children.