

In August 2012, Private First Class Austin graduated basic training and advanced infantry training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, as a combat engineer.

Immediately following, he was stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he was assigned to the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. He was later deployed to Afghanistan in 2013.

On April 17, 2013, Private First Class Austin suffered massive head and chest trauma after an attack while driving an armored truck on patrol in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

On April 21, 2013, at the age of 20, Private First Class Austin succumbed to his injuries in Landstuhl, Germany. Posthumously, he was awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Palmetto State Hero award, and the South Carolina Governor's Award for Extraordinary Sacrifice and Heroism.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Private First Class Austin by naming the post office at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building.

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

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN), the sponsor of this bill.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 91 to honor Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin, a fallen son of South Carolina who gave his life in service to our country, by designating the Easley, South Carolina post office the Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building.

This resolution is cosponsored by the entire South Carolina delegation and supported by the city of Easley, their city council, as well as the family of Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin, his parents, Curt and Yolanda Austin.

Not long after he won his stripes as a private first class in the Army, he was driving an armored truck on patrol in the Wardak Province of Afghanistan when insurgents attacked. A bomb exploded, and he suffered massive head and chest trauma. Private First Class Austin died in Germany days later, on April 21, 2013, at the young age of 20.

Private First Class Austin was posthumously awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Palmetto State Hero award, and the South Carolina Governor's Award for Extraordinary Sacrifice and Heroism.

Private First Class Austin was an avid sportsman, a 2011 graduate of Pickens High School, and a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley.

I attended his service, and the pastor said he was awarded the medals posthumously, but he was awarded the jewels in his crown the minute he entered

the pearly gates. He was that kind of believer.

He was an inspiration to many. He is an American hero and deserves to be honored for his bravery and sacrifice for our country as a soldier defending our freedoms and security.

As John 15:13 says, greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. Barrett did that.

I thank the committee and Ranking Member COMER for bringing this measure to the floor and allowing us to honor our fallen heroes. Again, I urge passage of the legislation.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill honoring Easley, South Carolina native and American hero, Private First Class Austin. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 91, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 91.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

SPECIALIST FOUR CHARLES JOHNSON POST OFFICE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 92) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the "Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 92

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

SECTION 1. SPECIALIST FOUR CHARLES JOHNSON POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Specialist Four Charles Johnson 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 Four Charles Johnson Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentlewoman from South Caro-

lina (Ms. MACE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. 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 this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 92 to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office.

Specialist Four Charles Johnson was born on August 4, 1940, in Pickens, South Carolina, to Mr. Charles Johnson, Sr., and Mrs. Essie Jamison Johnson.

He attended the Pickens County Training School and was a 1958 graduate of Clearview High School in Easley, South Carolina.

After completing high school, he enlisted in the United States Army with the military parental consent of his mother since he was only 17 years old when he began his military career.

Specialist Four Johnson completed his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was a paratrooper. Unfortunately, he was killed in action by a gunshot wound to the chest while serving in Vietnam.

His mother described him as a playful boy and happy all the time. He served with his brothers, Specialist Four John H. Johnson and Specialist Four Leroy Johnson.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Specialist Four Johnson by naming the post office at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office. I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN), the sponsor of this bill.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, we come tonight to honor another Pickens County fallen hero, Specialist Four Charles Johnson, Jr., an American hero and fallen son of South Carolina, by designating the Pickens, South Carolina post office the Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office.

This resolution is cosponsored by the entire South Carolina delegation and supported by the city of Pickens, their city council, as well as the family of Specialist Four Johnson.

Specialist Four Johnson, Jr., was killed in action on March 30, 1966, in Vietnam and was the first casualty from Pickens County in that war.

Specialist Four Johnson of Pickens, South Carolina, began his military career in the Army at a young age of 17

years old. He was one of three brothers to serve in Vietnam at the same time. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the National Defense Service Medal, among other commendations.

□ 2250

Specialist Four Johnson was a 1958 graduate of Clear View High School in Easley, South Carolina, and was a member of the Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church.

He is an American hero and deserves to be honored for his sacrifice for our country as a soldier defending our Nation. We know that freedom isn't free, and it is because of brave men like Specialist Four Johnson that we enjoy the freedom and security that we have today.

I thank the committee and Ranking Member COMER for bringing this to the floor and allowing us to honor our fallen heroes. Again, I urge the passage of this legislation.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill honoring Specialist Johnson, who was the first Vietnam war casualty from Pickens County, South Carolina.

Welcome home, Specialist Johnson.

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

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 92, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 92.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR LAWRENCE E. 'RABBIT' KENNEDY POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 207) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 1st Avenue in Amory, Mississippi, as the "Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. 'Rabbit' Kennedy Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 207

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

SECTION 1. COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR LAWRENCE E. "RABBIT" KENNEDY POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 1st Avenue in Amory, Mississippi, shall be known and designated as the "Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. 'Rabbit' Kennedy 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 "Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. 'Rabbit' Kennedy Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. 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 this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 207, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 215 1st Avenue in Amory, Mississippi, as the "Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. 'Rabbit' Kennedy Post Office Building."

Command Sergeant Major Lawrence Kennedy enlisted in the U.S. Army in October of 1940 by walking for 2 days from his hometown of Smithville to Tupelo.

Over the course of his 35 years in the United States Army, he served in World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war.

Command Sergeant Major Kennedy fought in the Battle of the Bulge, participated in 506 airborne jumps, and was featured on the cover of Life Magazine, along with the Army's 1st Cavalry 9th Division.

In 2017, Command Sergeant Major Kennedy was commended by the Mississippi legislature by House Concurrent Resolution 51, authored in honor of his outstanding military career.

After serving for 35 years, he continued to serve local veterans, founding the annual veterans' breakfast in partnership with Community Bank.

On July 20, 2017, Command Sergeant Major Kennedy passed away.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the legacy of this patriot by naming the post office at 215 1st Avenue in Amory, Mississippi, as the "Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. 'Rabbit' Kennedy Post Office Building".

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

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. KELLY), the sponsor of the bill.

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 207, renaming the post office in Amory, Mississippi, for Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. "Rabbit" Kennedy. Rabbit is an American hero, and I am proud to sponsor this legislation in his honor.

Rabbit enlisted in the United States Army in October of 1940. To do so, he walked for 2 days from his hometown of Smithville to Tupelo. Rabbit served in World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war over the course of 35 years in the United States Army. There were not a lot of three-war veterans in our lifetimes, and he was a true hero. I am proud to have known him personally.

Rabbit's accounts of World War II battles are features of the 2014 book "Last Eyewitnesses, World War II Memories: D-Day to 70th Anniversary." He fought in the Battle of the Bulge where he spent 9 days in a foxhole next to a dead German soldier.

Command Sergeant Major Kennedy led the Army's 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam, and a photo of his leading his men into combat was featured on the cover of Life Magazine.

During his career in the United States Army, Rabbit Kennedy earned four Legions of Merit, four Bronze Stars, participated in 506 airborne jumps, and retired as one of the most decorated soldiers in the history of the United States Army.

In 2017, Rabbit Kennedy was commended by the Mississippi legislature in House Concurrent Resolution 51. He was also the first enlisted man inducted into the Hall of Fame at the United States Army Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Rabbit Kennedy continued to serve local veterans throughout his life, which is where I met him. He never quit helping veterans, even after he got out after his 35 years of military service.

Rabbit Kennedy is regarded as a community leader and a true American hero. On July 20, 2017, he went to be with the Lord and will always be locally remembered as a patriot and a member of the Greatest Generation.

It is a true and lasting honor to remember the service of Rabbit Kennedy. I just have to say again, he was an amazing man who served this country in three wars, but he always had time for everyone, and he always had time for a veteran in need and was always helping.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill honoring one of the most decorated U.S. Army