

from the Subcommittee on Government Operations.

This is good policy. It will help America's government work more efficiently.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this smart reform bill.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, this is a commonsense bill aimed at hiring applicants for Federal positions based on whether they have the relevant skills to do the job. The American people deserve nothing less from their Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 6967, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6967, the Chance to Compete Act.

This bill is a good first step in reforming how we find and hire talent to the federal civil service and removes barriers that prevent agencies from recruiting the best talent.

The bill specifically eliminates antiquated hiring assessment tools, improves federal agencies' hiring process, and allows qualified applicants to compete for open positions across government. This bill will move government away from a focus on academic parchment to a prioritization on skills and expertise.

I'm proud to be a cosponsor of this bill, introduced by my Ranking Member JODY HICE and my Oversight colleague RO KHANNA.

The bill came to us from the Senate, less than perfect and opposed by the Administration.

But parties across both chambers worked together to draft an updated version of the bill that incorporates important feedback from the Office of Personnel Management and the Office of Management and Budget.

As currently drafted, the bill would:

Redefine competitive-service hiring applicant assessments to help agencies focus on candidates who can perform on the job.

Put subject-matter experts at the helm of hiring, empowering those who can best distinguish practical performers from the field of candidates.

Require OPM to begin a review of all federal "duties" that require an educational achievement level for hiring purposes, and then instructs OPM to make available online the data.

Clarify to agencies, Congress, and the public why some positions, like a doctor at the Department of Veterans Affairs, must have an advanced degree, while a cybersecurity expert at the Department of Homeland Security would benefit from a seasoned specialist, trained from the field.

Authorize "talent teams" in agency human resources offices—ensuring each agency has a key group of staff focused on improving federal hiring.

I thank Ranking Member HICE for working with me to improve this bill and ensure it is policy that all stakeholders, including the Administration and our union partners, believe will improve how we find and recruit talent to the federal government.

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. 6967, as amended.

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. HICE of Georgia. 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 motion will be postponed.

SERGEANT GERALD T. "JERRY" DONNELLAN POST OFFICE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6267) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Chestnut Street in Suffern, New York, as the "Sergeant Gerald T. 'Jerry' Donnellan Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6267

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

SECTION 1. SERGEANT GERALD T. "JERRY" DONNELLAN POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Chestnut Street in Suffern, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Sergeant Gerald T. 'Jerry' Donnellan 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 "Sergeant Gerald T. 'Jerry' Donnellan Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. HICE) 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 in support today of H.R. 6267, authored by my good friend and colleague from the great State of New York.

This bill will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Chestnut Street in Suffern, New York, as the Sergeant Gerald T. "Jerry" Donnellan Post Office.

Sergeant Donnellan was born on December 18, 1946, in Nyack, New York, as

the youngest of five children. He graduated from Albertus Magnus High School and went on to major in English at Rockland Community College and Texas A&M University.

During the height of the Vietnam war, Sergeant Donnellan was drafted into the Army and began his basic training at Fort Gordon in Georgia. After several months, he was deployed to Vietnam.

On the front lines, Sergeant Donnellan sustained life-threatening injuries after an enemy grenade exploded in front of him. While in recovery at Valley Forge, he received the Purple Heart.

After recovery, Sergeant Donnellan worked in the Veterans Service Agency office of Rockland County as commissioner of veterans affairs until his retirement in January 2018.

During his tenure, he created the local Chapter 333 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, started a veterans' health clinic, helped create Camp Shanks Museum in Orangetown, established the Rockland County Buffalo Soldiers Award to recognize the contributions of African-American veterans, and established the Rockland County Public Service Medal to honor those who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the global war on terror.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Donnellan, a Purple Heart recipient, by naming the post office after him.

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

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6267, which honors Gerald T. Donnellan.

Mr. Donnellan served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war, rising to the rank of sergeant and receiving three Purple Hearts.

After the war, his service to his country and community continued for his entire life. He served as commissioner of veterans affairs in Rockland County, New York, for 30 years and was responsible for starting a veterans' health clinic in the county.

He leaves a legacy of other noteworthy accomplishments. He established a local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He helped create the Camp Shanks Museum, commemorating the military facility that served as the largest point of embarkation for soldiers headed for the front lines in North Africa and Europe during World War II.

He also established the Rockland County Buffalo Soldiers Award to recognize the contribution of African-American veterans.

He helped start the Memorial Day watchfires in 1987 as an alternative to a parade for Vietnam veterans, and he established the Rockland County Public Service Medal to honor those who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the global war on terror.

Gerald T. Donnellan was a true patriot who committed his life to the United States for veterans and his local community.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. JONES), the distinguished vice chair of the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of my bill, H.R. 6267, to designate the post office located at 15 Chestnut Street in Suffern, New York, as the Sergeant Gerald T. "Jerry" Donnellan Post Office.

I am humbled to honor the late Sergeant Jerry Donnellan, whose memory brings great pride to all of us in New York's 17th Congressional District.

Mr. Donnellan was a Valley Cottage native and a three-time Purple Heart recipient who served in Vietnam as a U.S. Army sergeant. During an ambush, he was wounded and lost his lower right leg to a grenade. He underwent countless surgeries and extensive physical therapy before returning home to Rockland County in 1970.

Against all odds, Mr. Donnellan persevered. He learned to walk again alongside his newborn son. He even pursued his passion for theater and built a successful career as a stage manager for nearly two decades, including for Frank Sinatra.

But he never lost his love for public service. In 1986, when he learned of high rates of servicemember and veteran suicides, Mr. Donnellan was moved. He became a veterans counselor at Rockland County's Veterans Agency Office.

In 1992, he was appointed Rockland County's commissioner of veterans affairs. During his tenure, Sergeant Donnellan created local Chapter 333 of the Vietnam Veterans of America and started a veterans' health clinic. He helped create Camp Shanks Museum in the town of Orangetown and established the Rockland County Buffalo Soldiers Award to recognize the contributions of Black veterans.

He helped to start the Memorial Day watchfires in 1987, the year I was born, and established the Rockland County Public Service Medal to honor those who served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Sergeant Donnellan never relented in his advocacy for our veterans and their families. He embodied selflessness as a soldier and civilian, treating every veteran and every person with the respect and dignity they deserve.

Today, we honor Sergeant Donnellan's life and his legacy. His commitment to serving our country and our fellow Americans should inspire us all.

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague and friend, MONDAIRE JONES, for his leadership on this bill and so many other areas here in Congress. He certainly deserves this name-changing for the post office there.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 6267, 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. 6267.

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.

RONALD A. ROBINSON POST OFFICE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6080) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5420 Kavanaugh Boulevard in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Ronald A. Robinson Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6080

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

SECTION 1. RONALD A. ROBINSON POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5420 Kavanaugh Boulevard in Little Rock, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "Ronald A. Robinson Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Ronald A. Robinson Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. HICE) 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. 6080 to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 5420 Kavanaugh Boulevard in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the Ronald A. Robinson Post Office.

Mr. Robinson was a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism. He went on to study public relations at Boston University's Graduate School of Public Communications.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as a captain and was awarded a Bronze Star in Vietnam. He also received the Air Force Commendation Medal in 1969 for his support of the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon.

Mr. Robinson, in 1970, joined the marketing and communications firm Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods. After 26 years, he retired from the firm as its chief executive officer. During his tenure, the firm became the largest advertising agency in Arkansas, with notable business and political clients.

In 1993, he was appointed to the U.S. Postal Service's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee by the U.S. Postmaster General. In 2005, Mr. Robinson was named chairman of that committee. During his 15 years serving on the committee, Mr. Robinson was involved in the creation and production of more than 1,750 postage stamp issues.

He used his influence to highlight Arkansas in several of the newly issued postage stamps.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join in honoring Mr. Robinson by naming a post office in Little Rock, Arkansas, after him.

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

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Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6080, which honors Ronald A. Robinson.

We name many post offices for a variety of reasons around here, but the one we are considering now is notable in that it reflects Mr. Robinson's lifelong interest in and support of postal matters.

Specifically, Mr. Robinson was an avid stamp collector, but this was not just a hobby. In fact, between 1993 and 2008, he served on the Postal Service's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, a body appointed by the Postmaster General to recommend subjects for commemoration on U.S. postal stamps. Mr. Robinson served as chairman of the committee for the last 3 years of his life and tenure.

Over the 15 years he served on the committee, Mr. Robinson was involved in the creation and production of more than 1,750 postal stamps. In addition to his service to the Postal Service, Mr. Robinson served as captain in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war, for which he was awarded a Bronze Star. He also received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his support of the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon.

In addition to his public service, Mr. Robinson also enjoyed a successful private-sector career. After leaving the Air Force, he joined Cranford, Johnson,