

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3608, my bipartisan bill to honor U.S. Marine Corps Major Megan McClung, a local fallen hero from my district who was the first female marine officer to be killed in the Iraq war and the first woman graduate of the Naval Academy to be killed in the line of duty.

H.R. 3608 will designate a post office in Mission Viejo, California, as the Major Megan McClung Post Office Building.

Major McClung grew up in Orange County and graduated from Mission Viejo High School before attending the U.S. Naval Academy and joining the Marines.

Her headstone reads: "Be Bold. Be Brief. Be Gone."

While she left us too soon, she left a lasting impact on all those who knew her and embodied the Marines' core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

She bravely served several tours in Iraq, demonstrating an unwavering devotion to her mission and to her fellow Marines. She received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

An avid marathon runner and triathlete, Major McClung competed in seven Ironman distance triathlons. She won the first military female award in Kona in 2000, and she organized the first Marine Corps marathon in Iraq to coincide with the 2006 Marine Corps marathon. She placed second out of the female runners, despite having an injury.

Her leadership, tenacity, and selflessness were evident, and she earned the respect and admiration of everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Although we cannot repay fallen heroes or their families, dedicating this post office honors her legacy and preserves her story in the hearts of the community she knew so well for future generations. I thank the McClung family for working with me on this bill.

Madam Speaker, I urge support for this bill to honor Major McClung's legacy in Mission Viejo and reaffirm our commitment to never forget the sacrifices made by our brave men and women in uniform. May Major McClung's life continue to inspire us all.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in very strong support of H.R. 3608. Megan McClung was raised in Orange County, California, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1995. She was tragically killed by a roadside bomb in Ramadi, Iraq, on December 6, 2006, and thereby became the first female officer to be killed in the Iraq war.

We stand united in honoring the life of Major McClung by naming a post office in Mission Viejo, California, after her.

Madam Speaker, I encourage the entire body to join us today, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill honoring an American hero, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3608.

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.

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#### SUSAN C. BARNHART POST OFFICE

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5476) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, as the "Susan C. Barnhart Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5476

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

#### SECTION 1. SUSAN C. BARNHART POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Susan C. Barnhart 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 "Susan C. Barnhart Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam 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 gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK).

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the bill, H.R. 5476, which designates the United States Postal Service facility in Washington Crossing, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, located at 1077 River Road, as the Susan C. Barnhart Post Office.

Madam Speaker, last July 15, our community experienced a devastating tragedy, a tragedy where seven innocent lives, five adults and two children, were lost in a violent flash flood.

Among those we lost that fateful day was the extraordinary Susan Barnhart. Though she lived across the river in Titusville, New Jersey, Susan spent many years serving our community and was beloved by so many.

Susan was a model citizen, a dedicated public servant, and a beacon of warmth and kindness. She quickly became a comforting presence who customers in that post office and colleagues alike looked forward to seeing every single day at the Washington Crossing post office, where she dedicated her professional life.

As one of her customers beautifully put it: "Susan was like sunshine, someone whose smiling face could light up your day the moment you walked in."

Madam Speaker, Susan's loss, along with the loss of the other victims tragically lost on that day, has left an unimaginable void in our Bucks County community. Through this dedication, her spirit and legacy will continue to inspire every single one of us.

I would be remiss not to extend my sincere gratitude to several individuals, including JD Mullane, a Bucks County Courier Times reporter, for his suggestion to spearhead this initiative. JD's thoughtfulness has allowed us to pay tribute to Susan and honor her legacy in a profound and meaningful way. For that, we are all thankful.

I also want to take a moment to recognize several individuals whose remarkable efforts and actions safeguarded and supported our community in our time of need. I say this with absolute certainty: We are blessed to have some of the finest first responders and law enforcement officers serving our Bucks County community.

From the onset of the flooding, Upper Makefield Township Police and Fire Departments showcased their excellence and displayed extraordinary bravery, extraordinary courage, incredible selflessness, and incredible compassion. They were undoubtedly beacons of hope and light in one of our community's darkest hours.

Harry Vitello is one of our all-star Upper Makefield Township officers. Officer Vitello not only heroically led rescue operations but made it his mission to offer solace, empathy, and a steady hand to those in distress while ensuring our community remained informed. It was a master class in crisis communications, and I applaud and thank him for his outstanding efforts.

In addition, for over 50 years, the all-volunteer Upper Makefield Fire Company has been a stalwart guardian of our community. The leadership of Chief Tim Brewer and the entire fire company throughout the flooding exemplified the essence of civic duty and underscored the importance of selfless services.

Chief Brewer and his team worked tirelessly throughout the rescue operations, sparing no effort and leaving no stone unturned, bravely risking their lives without hesitation. I thank Chief Brewer and the entire Upper Makefield

Fire Company, as always, for their service.

I thank Tom Cino, who served as chair of the Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors and as fire liaison, for his steadfast leadership and unwavering composure in coordinating efforts, providing essential resources, and ensuring that the families of all the victims felt the arms of our entire community around them.

Madam Speaker, amidst the darkness of last July, our community was able to find solace in uniting to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the heroic efforts of our law enforcement officers, our firefighters, our first responders, and all the elected officials who played a critical role in this recovery effort.

Today, we can find solace once more. Although Susan is no longer with us, dedicating this post office in her name and in her honor to recognize her legacy ensures that her legacy and spirit remain vibrant forever.

For Susan's family, while we can never bring back her radiant smile and her incredible compassion, each time we see her name honored in this place that she cherished, we will know her warmth and her joy continue to watch over our Washington Crossing and Bucks County community.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in very strong support of H.R. 5476, and I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for his remarks.

Susan Barnhart was a beloved public servant in the Bucks County community. She was a resident of Titusville, New Jersey, but was a longtime postal service worker at the Newtown and Washington Crossing offices.

She passed away during an extreme flash flooding incident on July 15, 2023. Designating the post office in her honor will ensure that her legacy of passionate dedication to the community and public service will be forever recognized and remembered.

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill honoring a local public servant. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5476.

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.

#### SGT. WOLFGANG KYLE WENINGER POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5640) to designate the facility

of the United States Postal Service located at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio, as the "Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5640

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

#### SECTION 1. SGT. WOLFGANG KYLE WENINGER POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio, shall be known and designated as the "Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger 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 "Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam 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 gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOYCE).

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 5640, to rename the Chesterland post office the Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building.

Sergeant Weninger, who went by Kyle or Wolf, was a graduate of Kenston High School and a local legend in hockey in Geauga County.

Kyle joined the Marines in 2015 and immediately excelled. In roughly 4 years, he earned the coveted Marine Special Operations Insignia and rose to the rank of sergeant.

Tragically, Kyle, who was only 28, passed away following a training accident on June 16, 2020.

Sergeant Weninger made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, and his memory should be honored, particularly in Geauga County, where he grew up.

With the passage of this bill, Kyle's legacy will live on in our community. The postal facility will serve as a reminder to the residents of Ohio's 14th Congressional District of the sacrifice servicemembers and their families, like the Weningers, make on an everyday basis for our country.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5640.

Sergeant Weninger joined the Marines in 2015. Tragically, on June 16, 2020, he passed away at the age of only 28 years due to an accident during a parachute training jump exercise.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all of our colleagues to join us in honoring the life of Sergeant Weninger by naming a post office in Chesterland, Ohio, after him.

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for bringing forward the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill honoring a true American hero.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5640.

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.

#### NANCY YOUNT CHILDS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6188) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 420 Highway 17 North in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, as the "Nancy Yount Childs Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6188

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

#### SECTION 1. NANCY YOUNT CHILDS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 420 Highway 17 North in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Nancy Yount Childs 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 "Nancy Yount Childs Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam 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 gentleman from Wisconsin?