

He is someone who operated with great compassion, as Lincoln said: "With malice toward none; with charity for all."

I thank the gentleman for doing this.

That will be an amazing post office for people to be able to go to, and people will be able to travel there with pride.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill to designate a post office for Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, two people who lived a purpose-driven life that is a model for Americans. They have done a lot for the community of Plains, Georgia, as well as all across America and the world for that matter.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 9600.

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. COMER. 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.

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#### BENJAMIN BERELL FERENCZ POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6116) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14280 South Military Trail in Delray Beach, Florida, as the "Benjamin Berell Ferencz Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6116

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

#### SECTION 1. BENJAMIN BERELL FERENCZ POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14280 South Military Trail in Delray Beach, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Benjamin Berell Ferencz 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 "Benjamin Berell Ferencz Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. 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 gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Delray Beach, Florida, for Benjamin Berell Ferencz.

Benjamin Ferencz was an American lawyer and investigator of Nazi war crimes following World War II. He served as the chief prosecutor of the United States Army at the Einsatzgruppen Nuremberg trials. I encourage my colleagues to support the renaming of the post office after Benjamin Berell Ferencz.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in very strong support and great pride in this legislation, H.R. 6116.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL) for any remarks she may have.

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chair and ranking member for their help in bringing this bill to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I rise with immense pride to support my bill to name a post office in Delray Beach, Florida, after Benjamin Berell Ferencz, a Congressional Gold Medal recipient, a man whose life was a master class in courage, justice, and humanity.

I am deeply honored to say that Mr. Ferencz was my constituent, who enjoyed the latter years of his life in a vibrant community of retirees called Kings Point, where he was not only a neighbor, but an inspiration to those who knew him.

The post office is situated in the very community where Mr. Ferencz and his neighbors lived, and it will stand as a daily reminder of his incredible life and legacy and bring much pride to the community.

Mr. Ferencz' story is extraordinary. He was the last living Nuremberg prosecutor when he passed away at the remarkable age of 103.

During World War II, Mr. Ferencz served in an antiaircraft military unit in the U.S. Army before being assigned to gather evidence of Nazi crimes. That assignment led him to witness firsthand the horrors of the concentration camp, where millions of Jews and others were systematically murdered. He later described that experience as having peered into hell.

At just 27 years old, with remarkable courage and resolve, Ben served as the

chief prosecutor in one of the Nuremberg trials, what scholars have called the biggest murder trial in history. It was his first case as a lawyer, and he successfully prosecuted 22 high-ranking Nazi officials responsible for the deaths of over 1 million people.

His work set a global standard for justice and accountability and made clear that even the most powerful perpetrators of evil would face consequences.

His fight for justice did not end in the courtroom. For the rest of his life, he was a tireless advocate for global peace, for human rights, and the rule of law. He believed in building a better and more compassionate world where atrocities would never happen again.

Now more than ever, Mr. Speaker, his legacy calls to us because anti-Semitism is on the rise, with 2023 marking the highest recorded incidences in U.S. history.

The Jewish people and, indeed, all who value justice and tolerance are facing growing threats. Mr. Ferencz warned us that creating a world of tolerance and compassion would be a long and arduous task, and that task remains unfinished.

By naming this post office after Mr. Ferencz, we honor not only the man, but also the principles he dedicated his life to: justice, dignity, and the fight against hatred and division. It is a reminder for all of us to stand against the forces of hate and division and recommit to building a future defined by justice and humanity.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL) for bringing this forward.

Mr. Ferencz was, indeed, a great lawyer, a great humanitarian, and a great defender of freedom and democracy. We are proud to be able to push this legislation forward.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. MANNING).

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN), my friend, for yielding time to me.

I also thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL), my good friend, for her efforts to recognize the hard work and dedication of Benjamin Ferencz by naming a post office in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, in the wake of World War II and the Holocaust, Mr. Ferencz bravely prosecuted Nazis during the Nuremberg trials. Mr. Ferencz' family fled Jewish persecution in Romania and immigrated to the United States when he was just a baby.

He later studied law and joined the U.S. Army. Through his military service and his tireless pursuit of justice at the Nuremberg trials, he proved himself to be a true American patriot.

At a time of rising anti-Semitism, both globally and in this country, it is crucial to honor Mr. Ferencz. He fought to hold accountable those responsible for anti-Semitic actions that led to the unprecedented murder of 6 million innocent Jews.

Today, as I mentioned, we are seeing a frightening rise of anti-Semitism all across our country and around the globe, and we are seeing the growth of Holocaust deniers, people who deny that the 6 million Jews were murdered in cold blood. These are people who blame these deaths on the victims themselves.

We are seeing victim blaming in other instances of anti-Semitism—for example, what just happened in Amsterdam.

Ben Ferencz knew the truth of what happened, and he was willing to hold people accountable.

As the first Jewish Member of Congress elected from my home State of North Carolina, it is both a privilege and an honor to recognize a fellow Jew who served his country and his people with distinction and honor. Mr. Ferencz was the embodiment of the Biblical instruction: "Justice, justice you shall pursue."

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Ms. FRANKEL, for her efforts to make sure this post office is named for such a deserving honoree.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. MANNING), my colleague and, indeed, my cousin, for her thoughtful and eloquent remarks about Mr. Ferencz.

Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this legislation. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes," and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6116.

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.

#### LARRY LAVAGNINO POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7158) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 East Battles Road in Santa Maria, California, as the "Larry Lavagnino Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7158

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

#### SECTION 1. LARRY LAVAGNINO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 East Battles Road in Santa Maria, California, shall be known and designated as the "Larry Lavagnino 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 "Larry Lavagnino Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. 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 gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Santa Maria, California, for Larry Lavagnino.

Larry is a longtime Santa Maria resident, as well as a Navy veteran. He served on the Santa Maria City Council as mayor.

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 7158.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. CARBAJAL) for any remarks he may have.

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage every Member of this Chamber to support my legislation honoring the legacy and service of one of the favorite sons of Santa Maria, California, former mayor and veteran, Larry Lavagnino.

My bill would name the post office in Santa Maria in recognition of Larry Lavagnino's steadfast love and service for Santa Maria, including 10 years as its mayor from 2002 to 2012.

Larry's story is homegrown. He started as a local kid, attending Santa Maria schools, including Santa Maria Union High School and Allan Hancock College. After earning his degree, he served in the United States Navy for 4 years.

After the Navy, he returned home and began his service to Santa Maria as a supervisor's staff member in county government.

Later, after an extensive career in the private sector, he continued his public service as a city council member, then as mayor.

During his time as mayor, Santa Maria saw a new library, transit center, three new fire stations, a new police department building, the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, and much more.

He also secured more than \$46 million in Federal funding for improvements to the Santa Maria River Levee, which protects thousands of homes and businesses. Thanks to his service as mayor, his leadership in Santa Maria Valley Beautiful and the Elks Lodge, and his work in many other roles, Santa Maria would not be the same place without him.

His championing of bipartisanship, a Republican working across the aisle with Democrats to get things done, is exactly the kind of spirit we need more of here in Washington. Every community should be so lucky to have a Larry Lavagnino.

Mr. Speaker, again, I ask my colleagues to join me in this recognition so we can thank Larry; his wife, Donna; and his children for his incredible career of service by passing my bill to name the Santa Maria post office in his honor.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time for the purposes of closing.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 7158, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7158.

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.

#### GLADYS P. TODD POST OFFICE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7508) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1285 Emancipation Highway in Fredericksburg, Virginia, as the "Gladys P. Todd Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7508

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

#### SECTION 1. GLADYS P. TODD POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1285 Emancipation Highway in Fredericksburg, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Gladys P. Todd 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 "Gladys P. Todd Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from