

next day. It is a credit to their commitment and resolve that by 8 a.m., they all returned to work.

Twelve years have passed since the death of Chief Maloney, but his legacy lives on. It is a small token of our thanks and appreciation that we can name this post office in Chief Michael Maloney's honor to remind future generations of that legacy, his tremendous service, and the sacrifice he gave on behalf of the community that he loved.

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 8868, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I urge my House colleagues to support this bill honoring Chief Michael Maloney, 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. 8868.

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.

#### CAPTAIN ROBERT E. "BOB" BATTERSON POST OFFICE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 10065) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 802 North Tancahua Street in Corpus Christi, Texas, as the "Captain Robert E. 'Bob' Batterson Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 10065

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

#### SECTION 1. CAPTAIN ROBERT E. "BOB" BATTERSON POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 802 North Tancahua Street in Corpus Christi, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Captain Robert E. 'Bob' Batterson 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 "Captain Robert E. 'Bob' Batterson Post Office".

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 located in Texas to honor Captain Robert E. Batterson.

Captain Batterson served in the U.S. Navy for 35 years and was stationed at Pearl Harbor during the 1941 attack.

In retirement, he spent 26 years as a volunteer at the Pearl Harbor exhibit in the USS Lexington Museum in Corpus Christi.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the naming of a post office in honor of Captain Batterson, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, Captain Robert Batterson, better known as Bob, served for more than three decades in the U.S. Navy. While stationed at Pearl Harbor, Captain Batterson witnessed a surprise attack on the U.S. naval base on December 7, 1941. This military strike on Pearl Harbor, as then-President Franklin Delano Roosevelt stated to the Nation, is "a day which will live in infamy."

In the years following, Captain Batterson served at the naval air station in Corpus Christi, Texas, and later in the Supply Corps.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, Captain Batterson continued volunteer work to educate the public about Pearl Harbor. This legislation will honor the service and legacy of Captain Batterson.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD).

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 10065 to name a post office in Corpus Christi in memory of Captain Robert "Bob" Batterson.

Captain Batterson's life is a life of service and a testament to the very best of American character.

In 1939, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, setting sail on his life's journey of dedicated and devoted service to our Nation.

In 1941, he was stationed at Pearl Harbor and survived the attack that thrust America into World War II. That same resilience carried him to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, where he earned his wings in 1944 and flew F6F Hellcats in defense of our Nation.

Captain Batterson's service continued long after World War II as he transitioned to the Navy Supply Corps, serving faithfully until his retirement in 1974.

Over the course of his 35-year military career, he exemplified duty and honor, but Captain Batterson didn't stop serving when he took off the uniform. For 26 years, he volunteered at the USS Lexington Museum in Corpus Christi, where he could often be found

at the Pearl Harbor exhibit, sharing his firsthand accounts of the attack on Pearl Harbor and other personal stories of valor from the war with visitors from around the world. His personal stories preserved a living history, ensuring future generations understood the sacrifices made for freedom.

Captain Batterson passed away last year at the age of 102 years young, leaving behind his wife, Hilda, and an indelible legacy of service and patriotism. His dedication to his community and his country will not be forgotten.

In naming this post office in his honor, we commemorate a life of extraordinary service to our country and the Corpus Christi community. Captain Batterson's name will continue to inspire all who pass through its door, reminding us of the courage and sacrifice that define our Greatest Generation and should continue to inspire our current and future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill to honor a true American hero. May God bless Captain Batterson's memory, his family, the city of Corpus Christi, and our beloved Nation.

Mr. Speaker, as someone who had the opportunity to know him personally, there is no one who could be more worthy of this honor.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, our committee's protocols for considering postal naming measures require the entire State delegation to be cosponsors. That is a protocol that has been in place for decades.

While limited exceptions have been made in the past, this bill currently has only 27 cosponsors from Texas' 38 members. We are, of course, supportive on the substance of the legislation and are absolutely supportive of honoring the legacy of the Representative's constituent, and we would simply urge mindfulness toward the committee rules.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate and agree with hopefully the next ranking member of the House Oversight Committee, and there are two bills we are talking about, including the one for Mr. MFUME, that didn't meet those requirements.

Hopefully, that will not ever happen again in the future, but I will make that point again to the new speaker on the other side of the aisle.

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 10065, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I might add they have nowhere to go but up in the ranking member category on that side of the aisle, and I appreciate my friend from New York City.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage everyone to support this legislation, 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. 10065.

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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# ARMY 1ST LT. JOHN KUULEI KAUHAIHAO POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 8909) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 82-6110 Mamalahoa Highway in Captain Cook, Hawaii, as the "Army 1st Lt. John Kuulei Kauhahao Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8909

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

## SECTION 1. ARMY 1ST LT. JOHN KUULEI KAUHAIHAO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 82-6110 Mamalahoa Highway in Captain Cook, Hawaii, shall be known and designated as the "Army 1st Lt. John Kuulei Kauhahao 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 "Army 1st Lt. John Kuulei Kauhahao Post Office Building".

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LANGWORTHY. 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 New York?

There was no objection.

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

I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Hawaii for First Lieutenant John Kuulei Kauhahao.

Mr. Kauhahao exhibited exceptional heroism while serving under the 1st Cavalry Division against armed forces in the Republic of Vietnam. I support naming a post office in memory of First Lieutenant Kauhahao, and I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, 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. 8909.

I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. TOKUDA) for any remarks she may have.

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in strong support of H.R. 8909.

In January of this year, The Wall That Heals, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on The National Mall made its inaugural visit to the island of Hawaii. It was there in front of West Panel 18 that I met Shirley Kauhahao, the widow and high school sweetheart of Army First Lieutenant John Kuulei Kauhahao. She and her daughters were putting flowers and a lei in front of line 40 where his name is etched.

On September 5, 1969, at the age of 27, Lieutenant Kauhahao, or Lieutenant K, as he was affectionately called, was leading his men on a reconnaissance in force operation in Tay Ninh province when his platoon came under enemy fire. With extraordinary courage, he launched over 30 hand grenades in 15 minutes at enemy bunkers while simultaneously drawing fire on himself, so that his men could sight enemy gunners.

Eventually, he ordered the withdrawal of his platoon and crawled over 100 meters of fire-swept terrain, dragging vital equipment and helping wounded soldiers to safety. While they moved to rejoin their company, Lieutenant K saw an enemy squad moving up on his platoon and quickly moved to engage. He was mortally wounded that day. It was the fourth birthday of his son, Charles.

For his bravery and sacrifice, Lieutenant K was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, our Nation's second highest combat award. His fearless and selfless actions at the cost of his life reflect great honor upon himself, his family, and the "ahupua'a" "land division" of Honaunau where he was born and where he lived.

Naming the post office in the community where generations of Lieutenant K's family lived and still live is more than just honoring and celebrating a fallen "kama'aina" "local resident" warrior who gave his life for our Nation.

It is a tribute to an entire generation of men and women who served in Vietnam and who came back to a country that took far too long to honor their service and that is still trying to make this right.

It is a reminder of the incredible sacrifices made by those who serve in uniform and the loved ones waiting at home—past, present, and future—to whom we are forever indebted and who allow us to live in freedom today.

That day in Hilo, standing next to Shirley as she pointed out Lieutenant

K's name on the wall to me, I couldn't help but feel like he had finally come home.

Mr. Speaker, 55 years have passed since Lieutenant K's death, and his widow, children, and generations of their "mo'opuna" "grandchildren" have continued to live in service to their community, the island of Hawaii, and the State of Hawaii.

Passing H.R. 8909 to designate the United States Post Office in Captain Cook, Hawaii, as the Army First Lieutenant John Kuulei Kauhahao Post Office is a tribute to him and the legacy of service that lives on through the lives he saved and through his "family" "ohana."

Every day when Shirley heads into town or goes to volunteer at the Greenwell Botanical Gardens, she passes by that post office. I hope seeing John's name each time she drives by will make her feel like he is a little closer to home and that he will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the chair and ranking member of the committee for their work on this bill.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I also have no further speakers. I urge the passage of H.R. 8909 and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored and proud to support this legislation to honor a true American hero, First Lieutenant Kauhahao. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 8909.

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.

## CAPTAIN MIGUEL JUSTIN NAVA POST OFFICE

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 9285) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3913 Leland Avenue Northwest in Comstock Park, Michigan, as the "Captain Miguel Justin Nava Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 9285

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

## SECTION 1. CAPTAIN MIGUEL JUSTIN NAVA POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3913 Leland Avenue Northwest in Comstock Park, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Captain Miguel Justin Nava Post Office".