

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to promote the competitive viability of direct-to-home satellite television service."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CORPORAL HAROLD GOMEZ POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4616) to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4616

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the post office referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4616.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, we have before us, first in this bill and then in another similar proposal that I know will follow, really two distinct stories, two stories of two fine individuals but nevertheless two who share a great deal. They share, it seems to me, the history of contributions and the history of sacrifices and helping to make this country the great place that it is.

This first bill has been introduced by our distinguished colleague from Indiana (Mr. VISLOSKY), and was introduced on August 23d of this year.

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This legislation has the support of each member of the House delegation from the State of Indiana which is pursuant to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight rules, and it designates the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in

East Chicago, Indiana, as the Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office.

Mr. Gomez is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Gomez. He was born in 1946 in East Chicago, Indiana. After graduating from high school, he worked for a summer at Inland Steel Company and then, like many young men and young women of his age, he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1965. In March of the following year, 1966, he was sent to Vietnam which followed his basic infantry training in San Diego, California.

Corporal Gomez was a fire team leader in a rifle company of the Third Marine Division when in 1967 he was killed by a land mine explosion in South Vietnam. A look, however brief, at the numerous awards and medals and recognition that this fine young man received during his military career shows, I think, what an extraordinary individual he was: The Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the RVN Military Merit Medal and on and on and on. Truly, Mr. Speaker, this effort to memorialize the contributions and the sacrifices of this great individual I think is a very worth one and certainly one that I think embodies the kind of positive effort that we have a history of in this House of naming these very important Federal facilities after such deserving individuals.

I know that the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and perhaps others would like to make comments as well.

At this time I would with a word of urging of support of fellow Members of this House, Mr. Speaker, reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I join the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) in bringing to the House floor H.R. 4616, legislation naming the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office Building. Corporal Gomez, as we have already heard, a Vietnam veteran, was a fire team leader in a rifle company of the Third Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was the recipient of the Silver Star Medal for his leadership and bravery during his service, earning recognition for his actions during the February 21, 1967 battle in which he died.

Corporal Gomez was the first citizen of northwest Indiana to die in the Vietnam War. I commend the Indiana delegation for seeking to honor such a man, one who would give his life in the service of his country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISLOSKY) the sponsor of this measure who will make some comments.

Mr. VISLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding and I would first want to thank the chair of the committee for the expeditious,

speed-of-light consideration of this legislation that literally was introduced a month and a half ago as well as thanking my colleague from Illinois for ensuring that it was heard before Congress adjourned. I also would be remiss if I did not thank the members of the Indiana delegation who joined me in this effort.

Mr. Speaker, I do rise to urge my colleagues to support this legislation to rename a post office in East Chicago, Indiana in honor of Lance Corporal Harold Gomez. Corporal Gomez was the first resident of East Chicago to die during the Vietnam War and his community would like to honor him in this special way.

Corporal Gomez was born in East Chicago in 1946. After working briefly at Inland Steel Company, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was sent to Vietnam in 1966. Corporal Gomez quickly became a fire team leader in a rifle company of the Third Marine Corps in Vietnam. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal posthumously for valiant leadership and bravery during his service, earning particular praise for his actions during the February 21, 1967 battle in which he died. Corporal Gomez's military awards also include the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Rifle Sharpshooters Badge.

In Harold Gomez's short life, he touched many lives and was admired by both friends and colleagues. I am deeply honored to offer this legislation to honor a true hero of northwest Indiana and our country. Corporal Gomez distinguished himself in combat and is a source of inspiration to many citizens of East Chicago and the rest of the northwest Indiana community. He is worthy of this honor.

On behalf of northwest Indiana's many veterans, I am proud to support this legislation to name an East Chicago post office in honor of Corporal Harold Gomez.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, with a final urging of support for the gentleman from Indiana in this very worthy measure and thanking the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and his staff for their efforts and cooperation, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4616.

The question was taken.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.