

in a rural setting, have been a place where people have always gathered. And I think one of the important things that we can do, especially for our young men and women that serve this country and make the ultimate sacrifice, as one of my constituents did, I think it's important that we remember those that have made that sacrifice.

Corpsman Wiener was killed in Iraq in the year 2005. But throughout his life, he demonstrated a commitment to saving lives, ensuring public safety in his community, and serving his country. Jeffrey Wiener began serving the community of Lynbrook in 1987 at the age of 14 as a volunteer junior fireman. And we know, our junior firemen, basically working in the community, stay with that and become the volunteer firemen which our communities count on. By the year 2000 he had risen to the rank of captain and became an EMT for Nassau County.

In May 2003, in response to the terrorist attacks that happened to New York and to this country on September 11, 2001, Jeffrey chose to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Navy.

On May 7, 2005, Jeffrey gave the ultimate sacrifice when he and three other marines from his unit were killed in an ambush and a bombing in Iraq. It is because of people like Jeffrey and his colleagues that we are able to enjoy the rights and the freedoms that we all hold so dear.

Jeffrey is survived by his wife, Maria, and his two daughters. This legislation honors the legacy, the sacrifice, and the heroism of Navy Corpsman Wiener by renaming the post office located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office building.

Again, Mr. Speaker, these are very, very little things for the sacrifice that the young men and women across this country do for us on a daily basis. And I think sometimes it becomes very, very easy for people to forget what these sacrifices mean, not only to the family, to the community, but to our country. This is one way, a small way, granted, to honor these lives. I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 3567.

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.

CONGRATULATING NATIONAL SPELLING BEE CHAMPION, FINALISTS, AND PARTICIPANTS

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1494) congratulating the champion, finalists, and all other participants in the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1494

Whereas the Scripps National Spelling Bee is the largest and longest-running educational promotion in the United States, and is administered by the E.W. Scripps Company of Cincinnati, Ohio;

Whereas the Scripps National Spelling Bee promotes educational excellence by encouraging students to improve their spelling, expand their vocabularies, learn new concepts, and develop a mastery of the English language;

Whereas the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee was held in Washington, DC, from June 2 through June 4, 2010;

Whereas 273 spellers from across the United States, American Samoa, the Bahamas, Canada, China, Department of Defense Schools in Europe, Ghana, Guam, Jamaica, Japan, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, South Korea, and the United States Virgin Islands all competed for the title;

Whereas these students had previously qualified for the contest by winning locally sponsored spelling bees and all have shown a strong knowledge of the English language;

Whereas Anamika Veeramani, a 14-year-old resident of North Royalton, Ohio, and an 8th grade student at Incarnate Word Academy, achieved the distinct honor of becoming the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee champion;

Whereas Ms. Veeramani, after finishing in 5th place in the 2009 National Spelling Bee, earned her right to compete in 2010 by winning the Plain Dealer Cuyahoga County Scripps Spelling Bee on March 6, 2010, for the second consecutive year;

Whereas Ms. Veeramani won the competition in the 9th round by correctly spelling "stromuhr", defined as a tool that measures the speed of blood through an artery;

Whereas Adrian Gunawan of Arlington Heights, Illinois, Elizabeth Platz of Shelbyville, Missouri, and Shantanu Srivatsa of West Fargo, North Dakota, are recognized for tying for second place at the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee;

Whereas Mr. Gunawan, Ms. Platz, and Mr. Srivatsa advanced to the 8th round of the competition by correctly spelling "netsuke", "gnocchi", and "infundibuliform", respectively;

Whereas Laura Newcombe of Toronto, Canada, Lanson Tang of Potomac, Maryland, Joanna Ye of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Andrew Grose of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, are recognized for advancing to the 7th round of the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee, thereby tying for 5th place in the competition; and

Whereas all the competitors are deserving of congratulations for their hard work and poise demonstrated in this difficult competition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates all the contestants of the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee; and

(2) recognizes the dedication and achievement of competition winner Anamika

Veeramani and the other finalists Adrian Gunawan, Elizabeth Platz, Shantanu Srivatsa, Laura Newcombe, Lanson Tang, Joanna Ye, and Andrew Grose.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I now yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H. Res. 1494, a resolution congratulating the champion, finalists, and all other participants in the 83rd annual Scripps National Spelling Bee.

H. Res. 1494 was introduced by our colleague, the gentlewoman from Ohio, Representative BETTY SUTTON, on June 30, 2010. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered it to be reported favorably by unanimous consent on September 23, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of over 50 Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the Scripps National Spelling Bee is a 2-day competition held in May or early June each year here in Washington, D.C. Students from around the country and around the world compete in local and regional spelling bees for a chance to take part in this highly competitive event.

The participants compete for prizes, including scholarships, savings bonds, reference materials and cash; but this and other spelling bees serve the greater purpose of encouraging students to improve their vocabularies, spelling, and appropriate grammar usage. As the largest and longest running educational promotion in the country, the competition gets national coverage on cable and network television, further promoting its educational ideals to millions of viewers.

This year's winner was Anamika Veeramani, an eighth grade student at Incarnate Word Academy in Parma Heights, Ohio, who won the bee with the word "stromuhr," defined as a tool that measures the speed of blood through an artery. And I dare Members of Congress to try to spell the word.

Mr. Speaker, let us now take a moment to congratulate this remarkable young student and all of the other participants in the 83rd annual Scripps National Spelling Bee through the passage of H. Res. 1494. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise today in support of H. Res. 1494, and ask for support of the bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as she may consume to our colleague from Ohio, the sponsor of the bill, Representative BETTY SUTTON.

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anamika Veeramani of North Royalton, Ohio. Anamika is a resident of the 13th Congressional District of Ohio, which I am so honored to represent. Anamika won the 83rd Scripps National Spelling Bee championship on Friday, June 4, 2010, and she brings back to Ohio the first national spelling bee title since 1964.

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The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the largest and longest-running educational promotion in the United States and is administered by the E.W. Scripps Company located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Anamika put in the hard work necessary to achieve this great accomplishment. By working hard, students learn that anything is possible, including spelling difficult and complex words. She won the Plain Dealer Cuyahoga County Scripps Spelling Bee on March 6 for the second year in the row. By winning the spelling bee in northeast Ohio, Anamika advanced to the national competition here in Washington, D.C.

To win the title, Anamika correctly spelled the name of a tool that measures the speed of blood through an artery called "stromuhr."

With opportunities like the Scripps National Spelling Bee, children are given the chance to learn and succeed and build the confidence that they need moving forward. By winning the bee, she won \$30,000 and a trophy from Scripps, a \$5,000 scholarship from Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation, a \$2,500 savings bond from Merriam-Webster, and more than \$3,500 worth of reference material from Encyclopedia Britannica and Merriam-Webster.

These winnings will help her reach for her dream of attending college and one day becoming a cardiovascular surgeon, and perhaps she will have a head start on her colleagues, knowing how to clearly say and spell "stromuhr." With the kind of hard work and dedication she showed in this competition, anything is within her reach. I would like to congratulate Anamika on this terrific achievement.

I would also like to recognize all the finalists, Adrian Gunawan, Elizabeth Platz, Shantanu Srivatsa, Laura Newcombe, Lanson Tang, Joanna Ye, and Andrew Grose. And congratulations are due to all the students who participated in the spelling bee.

I want to applaud also all of the teachers, parents, and students for their commitment to this great program.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the participants in the Scripps Na-

tional Spelling Bee and to particularly congratulate my constituent, Mr. Lanson Tang of Potomac, Maryland, who tied for fifth place in the competition.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's oldest educational promotion, now in its 83rd year. Through spelling, students increase their vocabularies and improve English usage, skills that will stay with them throughout their lives.

I congratulate all the participants, especially my constituent, Lanson Tang, a homeschooled student from Potomac, Maryland. Lanson made it to the seventh of nine rounds in the competition, correctly spelling words like "rhabdomyoma," "obelisk," and "flabellum." He has made our community proud. I also want to thank the Fourth Presbyterian School in Potomac for hosting the Montgomery County Regional Spelling Bee for the second year in a row this year.

All of the spellers this year should be proud of their outstanding accomplishments. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations to these terrific students.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1494, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TOM KONGSGAARD POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6237) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the "Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building," as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6237

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

SECTION 1. TOM KONGSGAARD POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, shall be known and designated as the "Tom Kongsgaard 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 "Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia? There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

On behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to present H.R. 6237 for consideration. This legislation will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building. Introduced by our colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON of California on September 28, 2010, H.R. 6237 enjoys the support of the entire California House delegation.

Born on June 3, 1921, in Everett, Washington, a son of Norwegian immigrants, Judge Thomas Kongsgaard began his longstanding commitment to public service by enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Fighting in the war, Judge Kongsgaard was severely injured, leaving him with a replacement leg. He served in the Pacific theater and at the end of the war was stationed at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

Judge Kongsgaard began his judicial career as a Napa Superior Court judge, 9 years after receiving his law degree from Stanford University. He served from 1958 to 1984, missing just 1 day of work in his 26 years. Reflecting on his immigrant roots, he was always especially proud to preside at naturalization ceremonies.

Being an avid student of political history and American culture, Judge Kongsgaard organized the Halls of History project inside the courthouse that recounts Napa County's history in words and photographs.

That courthouse was dubbed "Kongsgaard Square" by the Board of Supervisors in 1984. A bronze plaque cemented to a basalt boulder that sits in a rose garden on the south side of the courthouse takes note of the jurist's distinguished career. It reads: "The Board of Supervisors names this block Kongsgaard Square as a token of esteem for his noble services to the citizens of Napa County."

After retiring, Judge Kongsgaard continued his judicial career as a visiting judge. In 1991, he was appointed by the California Supreme Court to be one of three special masters who recommended a reapportionment plan for the legislature and California Representatives to Congress after the 1990 census.

Although retired, he worked with Judicial Arbitration Mediation Services until the day before he was hospitalized with complications from treatment of leukemia. Regrettably, Judge Kongsgaard died on June 25, 2001, at