price than Marine EOD and Army EOD during this conflict.

So as we honor Master Sergeant Fedder, hopefully we will recognize that he didn’t come home, many other EOD technicians didn’t come home, and many who came home came injured because, in fact, you cannot expect these IEDs not to be set off as you walk up to them.

Only a week ago, I was at the Kennedy Center where they honored a countless number of individuals who had been wounded warriors. Disproportionately, I saw the badge of the EOD technician on many of these individuals. They were operating from wheelchairs, and they were operating with terrible, terrible scars.

The master sergeant did not come home, and that is tragic. But let’s understand this post office naming is being named after those men and women who serve day in and day out in Iraq, Afghanistan and here at home, to disarm explosives that most people would simply run away from.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers and want to close by again urging adoption of this bill. H.R. 3220 renames the post office in Pine City, Minnesota, after Master Sergeant Fedder, who gave his life in the name of freedom and service to our country. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring one of our fallen soldiers. Peter’s commitment and dedication to his country is a shining example of how our military men and women are the finest our Nation has to offer. He and his family’s sacrifice should serve as a reminder to all of us that the freedom we enjoy as Americans is not free but it is the result of the tireless advocacy and selfless service of men and women willing to put themselves in harm’s way for freedom’s cause. Our Nation will be forever indebted to Specialist Peter Navarro.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building.

Taji, Iraq. At only 34 years of age, Master Sergeant Peter J. Navarro has been wounded warriors.

As the father of three marines, I have watched my boys deploy to both Iraq and Afghanistan. As such, it’s a privilege to stand here today to honor one of our fallen soldiers. Peter’s commitment and dedication to his country is a shining example of how our military men and women are the finest our Nation has to offer. He and his family’s sacrifice should serve as a reminder to all of us that the freedom we enjoy as Americans is not free but it is the result of the tireless advocacy and selfless service of men and women willing to put themselves in harm’s way for freedom’s cause. Our Nation will be forever indebted to Specialist Peter Navarro.

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

On behalf of the Democratic members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I stand in support of the consideration of H.R. 3246. This bill designates the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building.

The measure before us was first introduced by my friend and colleague, Representative Todd Akin of Missouri, on October 24, 2011. In accordance with committee requirements, the entire Missouri delegation serves as cosponsors to the bill.

Peter J. Navarro was a resident of Wildwood, Missouri, and a graduate of Lafayette High School. In honor of his service, Specialist Navarro has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star. He was a dedicated soldier, willing to give the ultimate sacrifice to protect his country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we recognize Specialist Navarro’s life and the underlying bill without reservation. Passage of H.R. 3246 is but a small token of appreciation and faithful service of an outstanding American soldier, and I urge its immediate adoption.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I join with my colleagues from Missouri on the left and the right that we
are united by the naming of this post office on behalf of our fallen hero. Few things unite us in Congress like a recognition that men and women today are still paying the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Knowing the risk, serving a long time, Peter Navarro knew what he was doing when he went back to Iraq, and he did so knowing the risks that he took.

Many youth in America take risks, and they know not what they do and they lose their life; but the men and women of the armed Forces know the risk, and particularly when they’ve already been in combat, return home, and go again. Sadly, more and more are going again for the second, third and fourth time; and Peter was no exception.

So today, as we name this post office on behalf of our fallen heroes from Missouri, hopefully we will take time to reflect about the many from Missouri who will not have something named after them but should not be forgotten for their sacrifice and their contribution to the freedoms we enjoy.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for his comments. I have no further speakers.

Let us join together and support the passage of H.R. 3246 in honor of Specialist Peter J. Navarro.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. Chair. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California, Ms. LINDA SA’NCHEZ, would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the ‘‘Wayne Grisham Post Office’’.

Ms. LINDA T. SA’NCHEZ of California. The bill was first introduced by my colleague from the Southern California delegation supports H.R. 2158, a bill which would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada as the ‘‘Wayne Grisham Post Office’’. This bill enjoys bipartisan support. In fact, every Member of the California delegation supports it, all 53.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that Wayne Grisham, a man who dedicated his life to public service be recognized. Born in 1923, Mr. Grisham served as a fighter pilot in World War II and was shot down over Germany, earning a Purple Heart.

After a successful career in real estate, Mr. Grisham was elected to the La Mirada City Council, where he served for 8 years. In 1978, he was elected as a Member of this body, representing California’s 33rd Congressional District. He served for two terms.

In 1983, he was appointed by then President Reagan to serve as the director of the Peace Corps in Kenya. After his service in Kenya, Mr. Grisham was elected to the California State Assembly in 1984, where he served until 1988. Sadly, Mr. Speaker, on January of this year, Mr. Grisham died at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, his son, daughter, and five grandchildren.

After his death, he was described by the distinguished chairman of the Rules Committee, Mr. DREIER—who Mr. Grisham lost to in a 1982 reelection bid—as being the model of civility and a true gentleman. Mr. Speaker, we don’t hear this often enough. I’ll repeat it; as the model of civility and a true gentleman.

I urge Members to join me in supporting this legislation in honoring a true public servant.

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

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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

H8327

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(b) REFERENCE.—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 ‘‘Wayne Grisham Post Office’’.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. H.R. 2158, introduced by my colleague from the Southern California district, Mr. DREIER—who he is—and it is a true gentleman. Mr. Speaker, we don’t hear that very much in this body.

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