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WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2158) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the “Wayne Grisham Post Office.”

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2158

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

SECTION 1. WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, shall be known and designated as the “Wayne Grisham 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 “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.

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 Missouri (Mr. Clay) each 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 never 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. T. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. Issa) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3246.

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. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2158) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the “Wayne Grisham Post Office.”

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2158

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did for the city of La Mirada, the State of California, and the United States of America. He was a genuinely sincere person with great integrity. He believed in treating everyone with respect.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the service and memory of this dedicated civic leader.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, it is now my honor to yield such time as he may consume to a friend and colleague who would like to speak on Mr. Grisham's behalf, the gentleman from California (Mr. Lewis).

Mr. LEWIS of California. I want to first say I very much appreciate my colleagues' recognizing the service of our dear friend Wayne Grisham.

In my early days in the Congress, Arlene and I spent a good deal of time with Wayne and Millie. We traveled together and talked often of other trips we could take with one another. Our favorite place in the West, for example, is Catalina Island, and we had planned to spend at least one weekend—if not many—there together. It is with great regret that I rise today in recognition of his passing in January.

Mr. Speaker, having no additional speakers, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2158, which renames the La Miranda, California, post office after Mr. Wayne Grisham, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I arise to honor the life of my friend and colleague Wayne Grisham. During our early years in Congress, Wayne and his wife Millie became our dear friends. We traveled together and often talked of a weekend at our mutual favorite place in the west—Catalina Island. We miss them both in our lives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the gentleman from California (Mr. Issa) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. Clay) each will control time.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

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. 2767, introduced by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Oliver), would designate the facility of the United States Post Office located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the "William T. Trant Post Office Building." This bill is cosponsored by the entire Massachusetts delegation and was favorably reported unanimously from our committee in November.

Mr. Speaker, William Trant was a man truly dedicated to serving both his country and his community.

In 1943 he enlisted in the Army and saw combat in Europe, suffering wounds for wounds in the Rhineland. For his service, he was awarded the Purple Heart, as well as numerous other service medals.

After returning from war, Mr. Trant began his career working for the United States Post Office there in Westfield. Following a short stint with the New York Giants minor league baseball team, Mr. Trant returned to his career at the postal service—as we know in government, it's always good to have a backup job if you’re going to pitch—where he would continue to serve for 32 years.

Mr. Trant rose to the rank of the postmaster of that post office that he served in up through the process. He also, though, did many community works, including service on the Westfield City Council for nearly 20 years and, in 1962, also served as acting mayor. It is fitting that we name the Westfield Post Office after its postmaster.

In 1967 the agency—by procurement officer in the Springfield Post Office, as well as the procurement director of services in the northeast postal district in Hartford, Connecticut.

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

SECTION 1. WILLIAM T. TRANT POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, shall be known and designated as the "William T. Trant Post Office Building".

(b) 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 "William T. Trant Post Office Building".

The measure was first introduced by my colleague, Representative John OLIVER of Massachusetts, on August 1, 2011. The entire Massachusetts delegation supports the bill. Having met all of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee's requirements, H.R. 2767 was reported favorably by the committee on November 3, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I yield such time as he may consume to my friend from Massachusetts (Mr. OLIVER).

Mr. OLIVER. I thank the gentleman from Missouri for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 2767, a bill that would designate the United States Post Office at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the William T. Trant Post Office Building.

William Trant was an exemplary citizen, a soldier, a father, a public servant, and a pillar of his community.

Born and raised in Westfield, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, and participated in five of the great campaigns of World War II, including the invasion of Normandy. He was decorated with several military honors, including the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Purple Heart with an oak leaf cluster for wounds sustained at Normandy and at Rhineland.

After being honorably discharged at the end of the war, Mr. Trant returned home and worked for the U.S. Post Office in Westfield, leaving briefly to pitch for a minor league baseball team affiliated with the New York Giants.

He served on Westfield's City Council for nearly 20 years, served as acting mayor in 1962 following the death of Westfield's incumbent mayor. Through service, he became friends with many Massachusetts political figures from both parties, including President John Kennedy, Senator Edward Kennedy, Congressman Silvio Conte, and House Speaker Tip O'Neill.

In 1967, Mr. Trant was appointed postmaster at the Westfield Post Office, a title which he proudly held while serving for many years.

Mr. Trant was actively involved in sports programs for the young people of Westfield, the Westfield Little League, Westfield Babe Ruth and Westfield American Legion Baseball.

He and his wife, Mary, were devoted parents to nine children.