

colleagues in consideration of H.R. 3870, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 6083 Highway 36 West in Rose Bud, Arkansas, as the Nicky "Nick" Daniel Bacon Post Office.

Mr. Bacon served his tour of duty as my colleague from New York just indicated. During his first tour of duty in Vietnam, a helicopter he was riding in collided with another. All but First Sergeant Bacon and one other soldier perished. But despite that fact, Sergeant Bacon did not shrink from the call of duty and would go on to volunteer for a second tour.

His bravery and his courage are certainly something that was recognized by this country when he was awarded the Medal of Honor by then-President Richard in Nixon in 1969.

He is deserving of this recognition, and I urge passage of H.R. 3870.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of Arkansas (Mr. GRIFFIN), the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 3870, to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 6083 Highway 36 West in Rose Bud, Arkansas, as the Nicky "Nick" Daniel Bacon Post Office.

Nicky Bacon is one of Arkansas' finest sons, and he dedicated his life to serving our country. Mr. Bacon was born in Caraway, Arkansas, on November 25, 1945. In 1963, at the age of 17, he forged his mother's signature so he could enlist in the Army. He went on to serve two tours in Vietnam.

On August 26, 1968, while serving as a squad leader with the First Platoon, Company B, in an operation west of Tam Ky, Mr. Bacon and his unit came under fire. He destroyed an enemy position with hand grenades, but his platoon leader was wounded in open ground. Without hesitating, he assumed command and led the platoon in destroying still more enemy emplacements.

When the third platoon leader was wounded, Mr. Bacon took command of that platoon as well, leading both platoons against the remaining enemy positions. During evacuation of the wounded, he climbed up on the deck of a nearby tank, and from that vantage point, he directed fire into enemy positions, all while exposed to enemy fire himself.

He personally is credited with destroying an anti-tank weapon and moving the platoons forward so they could eliminate the enemy positions and rescue soldiers trapped at the front. For his actions on that day, Mr. Bacon received the Medal of Honor, which was presented to him by President Richard Nixon during a ceremony at the White House in 1969.

Mr. Bacon also earned multiple awards for his accomplishments, including the Distinguished Service

Cross, the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and a Purple Heart.

After retiring from active duty, he continued his service to America. He served as the director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs from 1993 until his retirement in 2005. During that time, Mr. Bacon was essential to the development of the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery, and the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery Beautification Foundation. He also helped establish the Arkansas Veterans' Coalition.

Additionally, in 2004, Mr. Bacon was appointed by then-Speaker of the House, Denny Hastert, to the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, an independent, 13-member panel responsible for studying the military system of compensating veterans for their injuries. The commission was charged with ensuring that the compensation system was equitable and fair.

Mr. Bacon passed away on July 17, 2010, after a long battle with cancer. He was the last living Medal of Honor recipient from the State of Arkansas, and he is survived by his wife, Tamara, and children and grandchildren.

Mr. Bacon spent his final years as a resident of Rose Bud, Arkansas, and we can honor his heroism, bravery, and service by installing a permanent marker of his contribution to Arkansas and America. His example is one all Americans and Arkansans can admire, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill to honor his legacy.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I certainly echo the sentiments of our colleague from Arkansas and urge passage of H.R. 3870.

With no further speakers on this side, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3870, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. BUERKLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3870.

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.

CORPORAL KYLE SCHNEIDER POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5837) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 26 East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville, New York, as the "Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5837

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

SECTION 1. CORPORAL KYLE SCHNEIDER POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 26 East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Corporal Kyle Schneider 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 "Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. BUERKLE) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BUERKLE. I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, my bill, H.R. 5837, would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 26 East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville, New York, as the Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building. This bill is cosponsored by the entire New York delegation and was favorably reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on June 27.

Kyle R. Schneider was born on January 8, 1988, to Richard and Lorie Schneider. He was raised in the Baldwinsville, New York, area with his brother, Kevin. Kyle was a graduate of Baker High School in Baldwinsville, and attended Onondaga Community College for 1 year in the criminal justice program.

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While at Baker High School, he played football, baseball, and ran track. Kyle loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

In March of 2008, Kyle joined the United States Marine Corps and graduated from boot camp in June of 2008. He attended the School of Infantry in July and graduated in September. From September to October, he attended the Marine Corps Security Forces Training. In October of 2008 he was with the Guard Company Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. In May 2010, he was transferred to Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, II Marine Expeditionary Force. In January of 2011, Kyle was assigned to the 3rd Platoon and was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In defense of our Nation, Kyle was killed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on June 30, 2011, by an improvised

explosive device. Corporal Kyle R. Schneider was 23 years old.

Corporal Schneider is an American hero. He was a proud and valiant marine. He was also a son, a brother, a grandson, a fiance, a friend, and a comrade. Kyle is greatly missed, and no words will diminish the grief of those who knew and loved him. In his death, he has earned the thanks of a grateful Nation.

Mr. Speaker, let us honor the service and sacrifice of Corporal Kyle R. Schneider through the passage of this legislation to designate the Baldwinsville Post Office in his honor. I urge my colleagues to join me in strong support of this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am pleased to join my colleague from New York (Ms. BUERKLE) in supporting H.R. 5837, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 26 East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville, New York, as the Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building.

The dedication to his country, his sacrifice, his bravery are certainly worthy of this honor, and I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. BUERKLE. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. BUERKLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5837.

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.

NATIONAL CLANDESTINE SERVICE OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY NCS OFFICER GREGG DAVID WENZEL MEMORIAL POST OFFICE

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3593) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3593

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

SECTION 1. NATIONAL CLANDESTINE SERVICE OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY NCS OFFICER GREGG DAVID WENZEL MEMORIAL POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, shall be known and designated as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intel-

ligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial 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 "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. BUERKLE) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the sponsor of this legislation, my distinguished colleague from the State of New York, Representative HAYWORTH.

Ms. HAYWORTH. I thank the distinguished gentlewoman from New York.

Our bill, H.R. 3593, to designate the post office on State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office, honors the life and service of Gregg David Wenzel, who was from Monroe. He is the son of Gladys and Mitchell Wenzel, who still live in Monroe.

Gregg graduated from Monroe-Woodbury High School and from the State University of New York at Binghamton. He received his juris doctor degree from the University of Miami School of Law, and he served as a public defender in Florida before he began his career with the Central Intelligence Agency. He did so because, in his own words, he wished "to live for a greater purpose than himself."

He was a member of the first post-September 11 training class, and he was distinguished for his enthusiasm and leadership. He was assigned to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in 2002, as a clandestine officer, losing his life in patriotic service in Addis Ababa on July 9, 2003.

Gregg's CIA affiliation was not revealed publicly for 6 years. In June 2009, it was finally revealed when he was honored with a star on the Memorial Wall in the CIA headquarters. Then-CIA Director Leon Panetta noted, "We find some measure of solace in knowing that Gregg achieved what he set out to do: he lived for a greater purpose than himself."

When a man has given his life, as Gregg David Wenzel did, to protect our American liberties, honoring him through the tradition of naming a post office for his extraordinary service to our country is both fitting and inspiring.

Our deepest gratitude goes to Gregg's family for their sacrifice, whom I've had the pleasure of speaking with. While no memorial, however appropriate, can remove the pain of parents and loved ones when they lose a child, I hope that Gregg's parents and family will find comfort in his receiving this eminently deserved posthumous recognition.

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

I am pleased to join in support of my colleague from New York in her urging us to pass H.R. 3593, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office.

As our colleague from New York indicated, this is a posthumous recognition of the ultimate sacrifice for his country that finally can be recognized, even though he served his country in a clandestine role. I urge all of my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3593.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. BUERKLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3593.

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.

ARMY FIRST SERGEANT DAVID MCNERNEY POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3477) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, as the Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3477

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

SECTION 1. ARMY FIRST SERGEANT DAVID MCNERNEY POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Army First Sergeant David McNerney 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 First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from