

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

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. 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. I yield such time as he may consume to the sponsor of this legislation, my distinguished colleague from Texas (Mr. POE).

Mr. POE of Texas. I thank the gentlewoman from New York for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, it was the Vietnam war. It was March 1967—45 years ago.

Army First Sergeant David McNerney's company was sent to recover a missing American Army reconnaissance team. As his company approached that reconnaissance team, they walked into heavy fire from the Vietnamese Army. McNerney was soon wounded by a grenade, and the commander was killed, but Sergeant McNerney took control of the situation.

Injury could not deter this patriot.

He climbed a tree, exposing his position to heavy enemy fire, and called in close artillery fire. After that occurred, he personally destroyed an enemy machine gun. And always thinking of others, he personally pulled wounded soldiers to safety and secured a landing zone for medical helicopters that were approaching.

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He had the chance to evacuate that evening, but he refused and remained with his troops overnight on the battlefield until a new commander arrived the next day. His actions stopped the enemy advance and saved many of his own men's lives. These actions of heroism earned David McNerney the Congressional Medal of Honor presented to him by Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1968.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fairly recent photograph of First Sergeant David McNerney. He kind of looks like Clint Eastwood to me and he's just as tough, because I knew him for a good number of years until he died in 2010.

This was not where Sergeant McNerney's service to America would end on that battlefield in Vietnam. He started really serving the United States when he joined the United States Navy right out of St. Thomas High School in Houston, Texas. He did two tours of duty in the Korean War.

After leaving the Navy in 1953, he joined the United States Army, and was one of the first 500 so-called "advisers" sent to Vietnam by President Kennedy in 1962. The acts that earned McNerney the Medal of Honor came on his third tour of duty in Vietnam.

After he received the Congressional Medal of Honor, First Sergeant David McNerney from Crosby, Texas, volunteered for another tour of duty in Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, those were amazing men that served America in the Vietnam War. First Sergeant McNerney served with thousands of other Vietnam troops and generally were not appreciated by America when they returned back home after doing what their country asked them to do.

After he retired from the Army in 1969, he worked in the Customs Service at the Port of Houston until 1995. He served his country for 46 years in the United States Navy, United States Army, and the Customs Service.

After all of his work and service, he worked in the community in Crosby. He led by example, with his involvement in the Crosby High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and the Crosby American Legion Post 658.

First Sergeant McNerney died in Texas on October 10, 2010, at the age of 79, still a patriot. He called his hometown Crosby, and they called him their hero. Crosby American Legion Post 658 is named for him.

Mr. Speaker, Crosby, Texas, like many of the towns mentioned in the last few resolutions and bills, is a small town in America. It's an old-fashioned, flag-waving patriotic town that honors our returning veterans from Iraq and from Afghanistan.

First Sergeant McNerney's bravery and commitment to our country and community is well worth the acknowledgement by naming a post office after him, at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, the Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office.

Mr. Speaker, men like Army First Sergeant David McNerney are the reason our country has always had the best military in history.

And that's just the way it is.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to again join my friend and colleague from Texas in honoring this brave man. Serving as many tours of duty in Vietnam was a rare event in that era than the tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. That was particularly noteworthy.

I'm pleased to urge my colleagues to join with Judge POE and our other colleagues in support of H.R. 3477 in order 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, and I urge its adoption.

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

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3477, 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. 3477.

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. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

JUDGE SHIRLEY A. TOLENTINO
POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2896) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2896

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

SECTION 1. JUDGE SHIRLEY A. TOLENTINO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, shall be known and designated as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino 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 "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino 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

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may 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 gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Ms. BUERKLE. H.R. 2896, introduced by the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. Payne, would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building. The bill is cosponsored by the entire New Jersey State delegation and was favorably reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on June 27. Although Representative Payne passed away earlier this year, it is our privilege to consider H.R. 2896 today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in strong support of this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.