

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from California, my friend, the chairman of the Committee on Rules, for his very, very kind and thoughtful remarks.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I also would like to thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) for his moving tribute and for introducing this legislation. We do believe it is quite appropriate, in a very small way, as a matter of fact, to dedicate and name this post office for Tom Burnett who is a hero to all of us. So I ask adoption of this measure by this House.

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5207, a bill to designate a post office in Bloomington, Minnesota, as the Thomas E. Burnett, Jr., Post Office Building. This legislation reflects the spirit of the American people in the aftermath of last year's terrorist attacks, to honor a man that we know to be a hero, who used the last few precious minutes of his own life to save the lives of so many others. I am fortunate to have been able to serve Tom Burnett as his U.S. Representative.

The American people will forever remember Thomas Burnett as a hero. But to his wife, parents, three daughters and loved ones, he was a man of courage and strength long before September 11, 2001.

Tom Burnett grew up in Bloomington, Minnesota, as a child who loved sports and the outdoors. From fishing with his dad, to becoming the star quarterback in high school, Tom was the image of an athlete and the all-American guy. After studying at the Air Force Academy and later graduating from Pepperdine University, he went on to become a senior executive of a company that makes medical devices.

Then, on September 11, the all-American guy became the all-American hero. Thomas Burnett and others aboard made the decision to take down the plane somewhere above Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania, after learning of the fates of the three hijacked aircraft.

That morning, Tom Burnett called his wife Deena repeatedly, pumping her for information. Later, it was no surprise to her that Tom led the effort to bring the plane down before it could take more lives.

But the result was that thanks to the bravery of people like Tom Burnett, countless innocent lives were saved, including our own, and our nation's Capitol was spared.

Many believe terrorists were going to use the fourth plane, Flight 93, as a weapon to crash into another site in Washington, DC. Whether it was the United States Capitol Building or the White House, we will never know.

This was the ultimate act of bravery and sacrifice from the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, and those who enter our nation's Capitol each day should cherish their valiance.

As the day approaches that will mark the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks, we should all step back for a moment to remember why it may be that our nation's Capitol still stands today, or why the White House remains untouched.

It was because of the courage of Tom Burnett and others, truly among the great heroes of our nation.

There may never be answers for all the questions that surround the events of September 11, 2001, or closure for all of those around the world who suffered the loss of loved ones in this tragedy.

But it is in our power to make sure that we appropriately honor Thomas E. Burnett, Jr., and our other fellow Americans who suddenly became heroes on September 11. Let us thank and remember him by passing this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5207.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME
CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4727,
DAM SAFETY AND SECURITY
ACT OF 2002

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time for the Speaker as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4727) to reauthorize the national dam safety program, and for other purposes, and the consideration of the bill proceed according to the following order:

The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with;

points of orders against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII are waived;

general debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill. Each section of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read.

At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the committee

shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instruction.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF VENUS AND SERENA WILLIAMS

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 94) honoring the contributions of Venus and Serena Williams.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 94

Whereas, although Venus and Serena Williams are only 20 and 19 years old and only in their sixth and third full years as professional tennis players respectively, they have over 43 professional titles between them;

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams have broken racial and socioeconomic barriers with pride and poise by showing the world that tennis is a sport for all people;

Whereas Venus Williams is the first African-American woman to win the Wimbledon Championships since 1958, is the first United States woman since 1924 to win an Olympic gold medal in both singles and doubles, holds the women's world record for the fastest serve at 127 miles per hour, and is one of only seven women to win the singles titles in both the Wimbledon Championships and the U.S. Open in the same year;

Whereas Serena Williams is only the second African-American woman ever to win a Grand Slam singles title, is only the sixth American woman to win the U.S. Open singles title since 1968, is only the fifth woman to win both singles and doubles Grand Slam titles in the same year, and is the first woman to reach the finals in a U.S. Open debut since 1978;

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams are the first sisters in professional tennis history to each win a Grand Slam singles title, the first to be ranked in the top ten simultaneously since 1991, the first to win a Grand Slam doubles title together, the first to compete against one another in a Women's Tennis Association Tour final, and the first to win an Olympic gold medal in doubles together;

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams have inspired and encouraged people of all backgrounds and ages, especially those in their hometown of Compton, California, demonstrating through the spirit of sport that education, a good work ethic, teamwork, fortitude, and determination are ingredients for success;

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams are African-American role models, coached to excellence by their father, and encouraged by both parents to be leaders, to demonstrate high moral and ethical standards, to value education, and to never stray from these family values; and

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams have been beacons of light to their community, passing out tennis rackets and conducting