

president of the Springdale School Board, president of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the board of the First National Bank of Springdale.

After her husband's death in 1989, Bernice Jones continued the couple's philanthropic interests. She paid for the computers and Internet access for the entire Springdale School System and was a lead supporter for the children's library fund. As an eye doctor in Arkansas, I was gratified by her donation of \$11.5 million for the 56,000 square foot Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Institute at the University of Arkansas for the Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

I could go on and on with the extensive list of their contributions and achievements, but probably their most memorable gift to the community is the Harvey and Bernice Jones Center for Families in Springdale, Arkansas. Established by Mrs. Jones in 1995, the Jones Center is a 235,000 square foot facility dedicated to the intellectual, cultural, and spiritual enhancement of families throughout the community.

The center offers ice skating, swimming, and numerous other sports activities. There is a beautiful chapel for services and weddings. An ever-widening array of family classes are offered, including a senior center, a teen arts program, CPR, cancer screening, and many, many more. All of this is free for the community use as long as they behave like ladies and gentlemen. This was Bernice's only rule for the center. The Joneses are still honored extensively throughout the State for their accomplishments. We can continue to honor them by naming the Springdale Post Office after the Joneses. They selflessly rose to answer the call of their community time and time again and will continue to be an inspiration for Arkansas for years to come.

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4381.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### ANTHONY I. LOMBARDI MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4618) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 West Prospect Street in Nanuet, New York, as the "Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4618

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

#### SECTION 1. ANTHONY I. LOMBARDI MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 West Prospect Street in Nanuet, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial 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 Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. 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 Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4618, introduced by the gentleman from New York (Congressman ENGEL) designates this postal facility in Nanuet, New York, as the "Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building." All 29 Members of the New York State delegation have co-sponsored this bill.

Mr. Speaker, Anthony Lombardi spent his entire adult life as a respected postal letter carrier in his hometown of Nanuet, New York. In addition, he taught Sunday school and worked as a custodial supervisor at Nanuet High School. He was a fearless Army sergeant, who served our Nation during World War II, landing on Normandy during D-Day. He was twice honored with the Bronze Star for bravery. Interestingly, one of his Bronze Stars was for rescuing a wounded soldier in the battlefield, a man who safely returned home and became the father to Gary Hart, who grew up to be a United States Senator.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fitting tribute to a lifelong postal employee, a man who was beloved by his community,

Anthony Lombardi. I certainly support H.R. 4618. I would urge all my colleagues to do the same. I thank the gentleman from New York for his compassionate work on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in the consideration of H.R. 4618, legislation naming a postal facility in Nanuet, New York, after Anthony Lombardi. This measure was introduced by the gentleman from New York (Representative ENGEL) on June 18, 2004, and unanimously reported by our committee on July 21, 2004; and it enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the New York delegation.

A native of Nanuet, New York, Anthony Lombardi served in the U.S. Army. A dedicated serviceman, Anthony participated in the ground force that stormed Normandy in 1944. He was later wounded in another battle. For his valiant efforts, Anthony was awarded two Bronze Stars.

After the many battles, Anthony returned home, taught Sunday school at St. Joseph's of Spring Valley, and began a 30-year career with the U.S. Postal Service.

As a letter carrier, Anthony Lombardi walked over 100,000 miles delivering mail. His neighbors and friends remembered him as a carrier who did his job with a smile and a hug.

I commend my colleague for honoring the memory of the late Anthony Lombardi, and I urge the swift adaptation of H.R. 4618.

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4618. Mr. Lombardi was a dedicated postal employee, and exemplary New Yorker, and it is my honor to dedicate the U.S. Post Office of Nanuet, New York, in the name of the late Anthony Lombardi, retired Army Sergeant, 4th Infantry.

Anthony Lombardi, known to those close to him as "Tony," grew up in St. Agatha's Orphanage in Nanuet. When Tony enlisted in the Army, the United States was embroiled in the European battles of World War II. Tony served in the ground force that stormed Normandy in 1944 and was later awarded the first of his two Bronze Stars for his part in the battle's success. Sixteen days after D-Day, Tony volunteered for a mission in the hills of a German stronghold near Bretteville, France, where he delivered food, ammunition, and water under hostile conditions to the needy frontline troops. During the difficult Battle of Hurtgen Forest, Tony's company commander was wounded by enemy fire. Tony came to his commander's aid and brought him to safety.

Tony Lombardi could easily be honored on his military record alone but

few in Nanuet had any knowledge that he even served in the war until after his death in 1987. His work in the community made Tony a household name in Nanuet. He dedicated much of his time to teaching Sunday school at St. Joseph's of Spring Valley. In 1978, the students of Nanuet High School honored him for his dedication to the school and its pupils in his efforts as head night custodian for over 22 years.

Tony Lombardi is loved and remembered most in Nanuet as a friendly and caring mailman. During his 30-year career, Lombardi estimated that he had walked over 100,000 miles delivering mail. He always greeted everyone with a smile, a handshake and a hug and left a life-long impression on all those who came in contact with him.

The Nanuet Post Office will serve as daily reminder to the community of Mr. Lombardi's contributions to Nanuet.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4618.

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.

#### GENERAL WILLIAM CAREY LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4556) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1115 South Clinton Avenue in Dunn, North Carolina, as the "General William Carey Lee Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4556

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

#### SECTION 1. GENERAL WILLIAM CAREY LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1115 South Clinton Avenue in Dunn, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "General William Carey Lee 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 General William Carey Lee Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. 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 H.R. 4556, the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of H.R. 4556. This bill designates the U.S. Postal Service facility at 1115 South Clinton Avenue, in Dunn, North Carolina, as the General William Carey Lee Post Office Building.

General William Lee, also known as the Father of the Airborne, was the founder and original Commander of the 101st Airborne Division. This elite paratrooper company was hailed for its incredibly heroic efforts during the D-Day invasion of the Second World War. The 101st Airborne Division is famously portrayed in the television series *Band of Brothers*.

General Lee enlisted in the Army in 1917 and served during both World War I and World War II. His combat honors include the Distinguished Service Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, and the World War I and World War II Victory Medals. He remains one of America's most decorated military leaders, and since he passed away in 1948, this honor for such an authentic American hero is long overdue. Therefore, I would urge all Members to support the swift passage of this post office designation.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE) for his work on H.R. 4556.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 4556, legislation naming a postal facility in Dunn, North Carolina, after General William Carey Lee. This measure, which was introduced by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE) on June 14, 2004, and unanimously reported out by our committee on July 21, 2004, enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the North Carolina delegation.

William Carey Lee was a native of Dunn, North Carolina. He left college to join the United States Army and fought in World War I. He returned home from the war and graduated from North Carolina State University.

After a distinguished Army career, William Carey Lee became Commander of the Provisional Parachute Group and the 502nd and 503rd Parachute Battalions at Fort Benning. His enormous enthusiasm for parachute and glider

troops led him to develop and command the 101st Airborne Division, an elite paratrooper company hailed for its heroic participation in the D-Day invasion.

Although his health would not allow him to be there for the invasion, his men respected and admired him so much that as they jumped from their planes into battle, they yelled his name.

General Lee died in 1948, but he remains a legend. Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for seeking to honor the legacy of General Lee by sponsoring this bill, and I urge its quick passage.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE), the sponsor of H.R. 4556.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California for yielding me the time, and let me thank the committee for reporting out favorably and unanimously this important piece of legislation that, as has been noted, was introduced and has been agreed to by our delegation unanimously. And I urge my colleagues to support this legislation as we name the main post office in Dunn, North Carolina, in honor of General William Carey Lee, as has been noted today, who has been, and it has been said is, the father of the United States Airborne, and that is absolutely correct.

William Carey Lee, as has been noted, was born in Dunn, North Carolina, on March 12, 1895. So he is a native of a previous century. He attended Wake Forest and NC State Universities, but left the latter, NC State, to enroll as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

After serving 18 months in Europe during the First World War and earning the rank of captain, he returned stateside where he graduated from NC State University and was so enthralled and felt so much for the military services that he went on to United States Officers Candidate School 2 years later, and his enthusiasm led him to make a career out of the military.

His enthusiasm for parachutists and glider troops that he had seen in Germany during World War I led him to develop the Parachute Test Platoon, and he had been doing a lot of work on it. Finally, in 1942, the President, President Roosevelt, assigned as the Provisional Paratroop Group, only a year old, that was then to be led by Lieutenant Colonel Lee, and it was reconstituted as the Airborne Command. Within the year, three parachute regiments were added to the Army's Airborne forces, and the Airborne Command headquarters were relocated to what was then called Camp Fort Bragg, as we know today Fort Bragg, with Brigadier General Lee in command, who had moved up very quickly in the ranks of the military.

In August of 1942, the 82nd and the 101st Airborne Divisions were formed. Major General Lee was put in command of the new 101st Airborne, and