

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST].

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

Mr. Speaker, David J. Wheeler was a forest service employee murdered in the line of duty while inspecting a bridge at a guard station about 20 miles north of Wiser, ID. This tragedy occurred at the hands of inmates who had escaped. Mr. Wheeler was a model citizen of Baker City and was active in civil and religious affairs. He leaves behind a wife and two children. At the time of his death he was 50 years old. The town of Baker City is a small community and is tight knit in its community relations. It is fitting to name this Federal building in Mr. Wheeler's honor. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, David J. Wheeler was an active civic leader, respected civic servant, devoted husband, and in 1994 was selected as father of the year in Baker County, OR. He was very tragically killed in April of this year while working for the U.S. Forest Service in Idaho. His contributions to this community, family, and to the public will be recognized by designating the Federal building in Baker City, OR, as the David J. Wheeler Federal Building. I join Congressman COOLEY and Chairman GILCHREST in supporting H.R. 2061 and urge my colleagues also to support this bill.

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

Mr. GILCHREST. 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 gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2061.

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.

FRANCIS J. HAGEL BUILDING

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2111) to designate the Social Security Administration's Western Program Service Center located at 1221 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA, as the "Francis J. Hagel Building," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2111

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The Federal building located at 1221 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, shall be

known and designated as the "Frank Hagel Federal Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Frank Hagel Federal Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST] will be recognized for 20 minutes, and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] will be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST].

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

Mr. Speaker, Frank Hagel was a well-respected former official of the Social Security Administration, region 9, headquartered in Richmond, CA. He began his Federal career as a file clerk in 1965 and through a series of promotions became Assistant Regional Commissioner for the Social Security Administration, in the area of management and budget, for region 9. He is deceased. He was a highly respected civil servant and the employees of this center support the naming of this building in his honor. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and I urge its adoption.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I join Congressman MILLER of California in his effort to recognize the career and contributions which Frank Hagel has made to his country and to his community. The major of Richmond, CA, as well as the city council are in unanimous support of this bill. Frank Hagel's Federal career has spanned over 25 years, beginning as a file clerk with the Social Security Administration in Kansas back in the early 1970's. In addition, Frank Hagel was an integral part of his community, providing many hours of volunteer service to his neighbors and fellow residents. I support and urge adoption of H.R. 2111.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2111, my legislation to rename the Federal building in Richmond, CA after the late Frank J. Hagel.

Mr. Hagel started as a file clerk for the Social Security Administration in Kansas 25 years ago. During those years, his hard work and talent resulted in numerous promotions through the technical and managerial ranks. He came to the Western Program Service Center in Richmond in 1986, and was promoted to the assistant regional commissioner for processing center operations. In 1991, he once again showed exceptional leadership during the Legionnaire's Disease outbreak among the center's staff and received his second Social Security Commissioner's Citation. Finally, in 1994, Mr. Hagel was appointed the assistant regional commissioner for management and budget, Region IX.

When Mr. Hagel passed away in January of this year, in appreciation of his leadership and

in recognition of his dedicated and tireless service to the nation and his community, the employees of the Western Program Service Center and the city of Richmond expressed their wish to name the building after him with a resolution calling for the name change.

This resolution already has passed the Senate as well, under the leadership of Senator BARBARA BOXER and the minor differences between our two bills should be resolved with great ease.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues for their support for this bill, in particular Representative WAYNE GILCHREST, the chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, and Representative JAMES TRAFICANT, the ranking minority member of that subcommittee. I appreciate their willingness to move this legislation forward.

I am honored to have been able to aid the city and the employees of the Western Regional Office and the constituents to whom Frank Hagel dedicated his life.

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

Mr. GILCHREST. 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 gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2111, as amended.

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

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to designate the Federal building located at 1221 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the 'Frank Hagel Federal Building'".

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TIMOTHY C. MCCAGHREN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2415) to designate the U.S. Customs Administrative Building at the Ysleta/Zaragosa Port of Entry located at 797 South Ysleta in El Paso, TX, as the "Timothy C. McCaghren Customs Administrative Building," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2415

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Customs Administrative Building at the Ysleta/Zaragosa Port of Entry located at 797 South Zaragosa Road in El Paso, Texas, shall known and designated as the "Timothy C. McCaghren Customs Administrative Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Timothy C. McCaghren Customs Administrative Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST] will be recognized for 20 minutes, and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] will be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST].

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill would name the U.S. Customs Administrative Building at the Zaragoza Port of Entry in El Paso, TX as the "Timothy C. McCaghren Customs Administrative Building." Tim McCaghren was a Customs inspector assigned to the border crossing at this port of entry in El Paso, TX. In February of 1990, Tim McCaghren attempted to stop and search a van at the port of entry and the driver accelerated, rammed the border crossing, and struck this dedicated public servant. He died the following day from head injuries sustained in the incident. Inspector McCaghren was a devoted father and was one of the top narcotics intradiction offers in El Paso. This bill is supported by the U.S. Customs Service and the National Treasury Employees Union. I urge my colleagues to support the legislation. I urge its adoption.

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, before yielding to the gentleman from Texas here [Mr. COLEMAN], who is retiring, in order to say on behalf of the authorizing committee, and I am sure everybody will when they have the appropriate time, that we would like to thank him as a Member of the Committee on Appropriations for working with us and for always being fair. He has been a great Member. We will sorely miss him, especially those on this authorizing committee. A lot of times people do not see the good things done for the country in these public policy areas.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. COLEMAN], who introduced this legislation.

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio and the gentleman from Maryland as well for hearing this legislation. I think it is important that we do take the time, from time to time, to honor those in law enforcement who are, after all, working for us.

All of us here, as citizens, understand, and as taxpayers understand that we need people to do some of these jobs that are not always the most pleasant. Indeed, I am a strong believer that those who serve us in the Customs Service of the United States of America are oftentimes on the very front lines in dealing with crime, in dealing with drugs, in dealing with violence,

and it was such an incident that occurred in 1990 that took the life of Inspector McCaghren.

Timothy C. McCaghren was a good officer, a man who had said a number of times that if he was able to stop a specific load of drugs coming into the United States, that was at least one bunch of drugs that would not get to his children. He is survived by those two children, Chastity and Brandt, and his wife, Dedra.

By naming the administrative building at this port of entry after Timothy C. McCaghren, I would say that all of us, as citizens, are doing just a small part in remembering those who are willing to sacrifice everything so that all of us can live our lives in a way that we believe we should be able to live them in these United States.

As the chairman knows as well, I have fought to obtain law enforcement status for Customs inspectors. We do not have that yet in the United States. I believe that they are that first line of defense against the smuggling I talked about of illegal drugs; but, indeed, today, they are also on the front line of defense in dealing with the issue we know as terrorism. Many inspectors carry firearms and face the constant threat of severe bodily injury; and, in this case, as we know, even death.

A recent study showed that more Customs officers died due to service-related injuries than any other group, with the exception of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Prison officers in our Federal Government. Earlier this session, I introduced legislation that would grant Customs inspectors a 20-year law enforcement retirement package, that which we would give to others in similar circumstances. I am hopeful that we will eventually be able to pass that legislation, and I am proud to tell my colleagues that I have had members of this particular committee, the authorizing committee, offer to cosponsor that legislation with me.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would only say that Inspector McCaghren exemplified the hallmarks of a good Customs inspector. His attributes of public service, his humility, and his devotion to country will best be remembered by the action we take here today. And, with that, Mr. Speaker, I thank the committee and I thank the Members of this House and urge adoption of this legislation. I thank the gentleman from Ohio for his time.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, as so eloquently stated by the gentleman, Timothy McCaghren was a U.S. Customs Inspector and was killed in the line of duty. Ladies and gentlemen, killed in the line of duty in El Paso in 1990. Mr. McCaghren displayed the ultimate commitment to public service.

I would like to comment on, just briefly, and commend the gentleman from Texas [Mr. COLEMAN] on his introduction of H.R. 2415, legislation that would obtain law enforcement status for Customs inspectors, and that would

deal with some of those issues that were so eloquently stated.

The life, career and contributions of Inspector McCaghren can now be honored and must be honored by designating the Customs Administrative Building in El Paso in his name and in his honor. With that, I join forces with the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST] in supporting this legislation and thank the gentleman from Texas [Mr. COLEMAN] for his excellent job here.

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

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to say that I, too, want to join in the heartfelt words that the gentleman from Texas [Mr. COLEMAN] has spoken about Mr. McCaghren, his family and his friends, and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] as well. Public servants such as Mr. McCaghren, Federal employees, set the highest example for us as elected officials to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2415, as amended.

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

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to designate the United States Customs Administrative Building at the Ysleta/Zaragoza Port of Entry located at 797 South Zaragoza Road in El Paso, Texas, as the "Timothy C. McCaghren Customs Administrative Building'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RONALD REAGAN BUILDING AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2481, to designate the Federal Triangle Project under construction at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2481

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The Federal Triangle Project under construction at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, in the District of Columbia, shall be known and designated as the "Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center."

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to