

Congressional Medal of Honor in May 1952 by then-President Eisenhower for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as fire team leader of Company A, 1st Battalion of the 7th Marines, the 1st Marine Division, in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on May 28, 1952.

Advancing with his platoon in the initial assault on the company against a strongly fortified and heavily defended hill position, Corporal Champagne skillfully led his fire team through a veritable hail of intense enemy machine gunfire, small gunfire, and grenade fire, overrunning trenches in a series of almost impenetrable bunker positions before reaching the crest of a hill and placing his men in a defensive position.

Suffering from painful leg wounds while assisting in repelling the ensuing hostile counterattack, which was launched under cover of a murderous hail of mortar and artillery fire, he steadfastly refused evacuation and fearlessly continued his control of his fire team. When the enemy counterattack increased in intensity and a hostile grenade landed in the midst of his fire team, Corporal Champagne unhesitatingly seized that deadly missile and hurled it in the direction of the approaching enemy.

Unfortunately, as the chairman just mentioned, the grenade as it left his hand exploded, blowing off his hand and throwing his body into the midst of the oncoming fire. Mortally wounded by enemy mortar fire while in this exposed position, Corporal Champagne lost his life, but in doing so showed his gallant leadership, fortitude, and spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of almost certain death, and undoubtedly saved many of the lives of his fellow marines.

Mr. Champagne made a great contribution, not only to our State but also to the history of our Nation. I look forward to the day when Mr. Champagne's family and I cut the ribbon, and let them know just how much we appreciate his gallantry. By naming this post office, we will bestow a well-deserved honor on a great man who will be forever remembered.

Madam Speaker, I again want to thank my colleagues, our ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH], and Chairman MCHUGH for their support of this legislation, and I ask the support of my colleagues for 2013.

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

Madam Speaker, let me just associate myself, if I may, with the very eloquent words of the last speaker, and urge all of my colleagues to join us in supporting what is a very worthy tribute to a more than deserving young man.

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

We, in support of this bill, not only recognize the courageous act of Corporal Champagne, but in some important way symbolize our thanks to thousands and thousands of Americans who have given their lives in defense of this Nation or on behalf of our Government, either in the armed service or in law enforcement, in any number of ways. So I think it is very appropriate that this House recognize an individual, but in doing that, hopefully send a signal to the Nation that we appreciate the acts of so many individuals that have helped us move forward.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2013.

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Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill just passed, H.R. 2013.

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There was no objection.

DOUGLAS APPLGATE POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2129) to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 150 North 3d Street in Steubenville, OH, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2129

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 Post Office located at 150 North 3d Street in Steubenville, Ohio, shall be known and designated as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Douglas Applegate Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH].

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

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2129 designates the U.S. Post Office located at 150 North 3d Street in Steubenville, OH, as the Douglas Applegate Post Office. The legislation was introduced by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] and cosponsored by the entire House delegation from the State of Ohio, as in accordance with the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and House Oversight.

Mr. Applegate was born and educated in Steubenville. He served in the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate for 8 years, respectively. He was then elected to the 95th Congress by Ohio's 18th Congressional District, and reelected each term until his retirement after the 103d Congress.

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Madam Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 2129 designating the U.S. Post Office located at 150 North 3d Street in Steubenville, OH, as the Douglas Applegate Post Office.

Madam Speaker, the Congressional Budget Office has affirmed that the legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would impose no costs on State, local, or tribal governments.

Madam Speaker, I would say, as happened earlier this afternoon with our tribute to a former colleague, Mr. Moorhead, that Mr. Applegate as well represents the kind of dignity, the kind of hard work and honesty, that this body strives for each and every day.

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And he certainly would represent a very, very fitting recipient of this postal naming bill, and I urge the support by all of my colleagues.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2129. The sponsor of this bill, the gentleman from the great State of Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT], has been very enthusiastic in making sure the committee acted expeditiously on this piece of legislation. But I think it is appropriate because the colleague whose service we recognize in the naming of this postal facility is someone who, in many ways, the gentleman from Ohio seemingly has some bond with because of their support for similar causes.

Madam Speaker, the naming bill that is in front of us is a bill that hopefully will enjoy broad-based support.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT].

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, Steubenville is a tough town. It produced Dean Martin and Douglas Applegate, and both of them had as big an effect in the professional careers that they pursued. Dean Martin, a giant on the screen and, although a lot of people did not realize this, Doug Applegate was a giant right here.

Madam Speaker, when it comes to veterans benefits, veterans compensation, and benefit compensation to survivors of those who lost their lives, Doug Applegate was responsible for that legislation. When it came about, as chairman of the Subcommittee on Water Resources, to restrict the interstate transportation of hazardous materials, Douglas Applegate did not get a whole lot of attention for it. When the Taiwanese manufacturers were producing American flags and giving us a great deal on them, it was Doug Applegate that brought to the attention of Congress and the American people that Old Glory was being made by a Taiwanese factory.

Madam Speaker, all of these imports all of a sudden had a "Made in America" label on them. Doug Applegate worked very hard with me to pass the law now that provides for a Federal offense to be applied to anybody who places a fraudulent "Made in America" label.

When it comes to benefits to veterans, Doug Applegate is a giant in our history just like Dean Martin is a giant in the movie industry.

Madam Speaker, he was one of my mentors. He was just a great guy. Along with Walter Jones and Jamie Whitten, there was no one better, and maybe he is responsible for what I have evolved into. But this is certainly one of the great Members that we have had in our past. He really did not get the attention and the glory that he should have earned. But I would like to, hopefully with the naming of this post office, see that that comes to pass.

His beautiful wife Betty, I hope that they are watching, great children and grandchildren. I do not know, maybe Doug is down there in Florida now. But hopefully we will see him up in Steubenville.

Madam Speaker, it is a tough town, he is a tough guy, and he will have his

name on a new post office. I am hopeful that we will get the other body to expeditiously handle our affair, and I thank the Congress for listening to my plea.

H.R. 2129, to designate the U.S. Post Office in Steubenville, OH, as the "Douglas Applegate U.S. Post Office," will pay a much-deserved tribute to a strong leader, a loyal friend, and a great man.

As many of you may remember, Doug was not one to grandstand or bring attention to himself. Doug chose, instead, to work quietly, yet diligently. It was in this manner that he affected important change, earned the respect of his colleagues, and won the loyalty of Ohio's 18th Congressional District.

Doug chose his legislative battles then devoted himself to them completely. Among the most important items on his agenda was protecting the benefits to our country's veterans. He worked to substantially increase the benefits to the survivors of those who did not make it home. Realizing that no amount of money could ever make up for their terrible loss, he also knew that such compensation could make life a little less complicated for those left behind.

Doug was a champion of American jobs and industry. His house stationery was emblazoned with the slogan "Buy American! Save American Jobs!" But, this was not just a slogan to Doug. Time and again he demonstrated his determination to protect and promote American jobs.

He fought to protect the sanctity of the "Made in the U.S.A." label when he worked to uncover a scheme, concocted by American companies, to cut labor costs by having United States flags made in Taiwan, then labeled "Made in the U.S.A." Doug refused to let our workers and our industry be misrepresented by those only concerned with the bottom line.

Throughout his tenure in Congress, Doug demonstrated tremendous integrity and true leadership ability. He could work to build a consensus, yet he was not afraid to stand alone.

Never afraid to stand up for what he believed, he would not play partisan politics if he felt the interests of the American people could be better served by following another viewpoint.

In addition to all of this, however, some of my fondest memories of Doug will be of a great and loyal friend.

I urge all of my colleagues who believe that great leadership should be memorialized, to vote for H.R. 2129 to designate the U.S. Post Office in Steubenville, OH, the "Douglas Applegate Post Office."

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I would join with the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT], a man who is known for his plain words and straight-to-the-point comments on this floor, and he has done them again here today, and his very poignant tribute to a former colleague. I urge all of our colleagues to support passage of this bill.

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

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Madam Speaker, I would just say that the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT], in the conclusion of his re-

marks said that he hoped that the House would hear his words. There is not a day that he has spoken before the House that all of America has not heard his words. So we thank the gentleman for authoring this legislation, and we would hope that it would receive unanimous support.

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2129, which would designate the U.S. post office in Steubenville, OH as the Doug Applegate Post Office.

Although I never had the privilege of serving in Congress with former Congressman Applegate, I do have the privilege of serving on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, which he chaired. I have also heard a lot about him through my legislative director, George Shevlin, who worked for Mr. Applegate for 5 years. George has told me of the fine work that Congressman Applegate did on behalf of his congressional district and about how he was known for providing excellent constituent services. He was very aware of the needs of his district, which was hard hit by the economic restructuring of the 1970's and 1980's, and worked hard to protect American jobs. He followed the example of his father, who was the mayor of Steubenville, by dedicating his life to public service, first in the statehouse in Columbus, and then for nine terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. Despite his many years in Congress, he never lost touch with his district, and traveled back there every weekend possible, even after he had announced his retirement.

Doug Applegate was also known for his tireless work on behalf of veterans and, as chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Compensation, Pensions, and Insurance, he worked hard to increase the benefits to the survivors of those who gave their lives for our country. He was well-liked by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle and was loved by his loyal staff, most of whom served him for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we would all do well by following Congressman Applegate's example of service to his constituents and therefore I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this fine tribute to a dedicated public servant and former colleague.

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