

He is a graduate of Indiana's Culver Military Academy, and he enlisted to fight in World War II at the age of 18. He served as an infantryman in the European Theater for 27 months, leaving active duty as a first lieutenant.

After the war, Bud attended Indiana University and Indiana University School of Law. He came back to his home community and set up a law practice right on the courthouse square in Kokomo. He then went on to become chairman of the County Bar Association. In November of 1970, he was elected to served two terms in the Indiana House of Representatives. He then went on to serve here in the United States Congress.

While in Congress, Bud was known for a unique combination of genteel civility and firm resolve. During his years in Washington, he was noted for his leadership on several issues of vital importance to Hoosiers and to the Nation as a whole.

As a Member of the Committee on Armed Services, Bud was instrumental in the development and deployment of the M-1 tank, for it to be built here in the United States. When I returned after my service during the Persian Gulf War, I never realized until I sat down with Bud how eager he was to discuss the Persian Gulf War, because a decade or 15 years earlier he sat down and he worked on the development of the M-1 tank. And he believed in that tank, and then he had the opportunity to see some of it on CNN, like a lot of the country observed the Gulf War. But he was anxious to hear firsthand of the use of a weapon system that he was so instrumental in deploying.

He also took a very serious interest in the automobile industry. It is very fitting he would do so, because well over 100 years ago there were two brothers, Elmer and Edgar Apperson, who, along with Bud's grandfather, Elwood Haynes, who invented the automobile, something that we just take for granted today, which revolutionized the transportation system of this country. And Bud's grandfather invented the automobile.

So when he came here to serve in Congress, he was a founding Member of the Congressional Automobile Task Force. And he was the leading advocate for the rescue of Chrysler as a corporation, and what a viable corporation it is today. He was also a strong force in the Congressional Steel Caucus as vice president of its executive committee.

Bud also took seriously our Nation's commitment to our veterans. As a Member of the Committee on Veterans Affairs, he was a leader in caring for not only our country's veterans, but he was also instrumental in the construction of a VA outpatient clinic in Crown Point, which is Lake County, Indiana.

Bud also had a very strong impact upon me. At age 32, when I returned from the Gulf War, I saw life in a different dimension and sought to yet serve my country in a different perspective. I went and sat down with Bud

Hillis, and through all the way up to even today, he continues to give me great counsel and advice.

The impact that he had upon Joni and the Buyer family was that Bud raised his family in Indiana, and for 16 years he commuted. So I could see firsthand many Members raise their families, and this is not a family-friendly institution. And I followed, not necessarily his advice, because that is not the way Bud is, but I chose then to raise my family in Indiana, and I do the commute back and forth. And it was probably the best thing for me, because it does not let this town overtake you, and it keeps you well-grounded when your children are raised in the district which you represent.

Bud is a family man. Carol and their children, I wish them the very best. Bud has a distinguished record of service to his country, in war and in peace and here in the halls of Congress.

To the people that Bud represented here in Indiana, I offer this bill with great pride on behalf of the entire Indiana delegation. It is because of the dedication of his service to his country that the Kokomo Post Office on Webster Street will be a fitting tribute to such an honorable and accomplished Hoosier.

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

Madam Speaker, that concludes the remarks that we have on Mr. Hillis. I would like to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) for introducing the legislation and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for their kind remarks in the dedication for and paying tribute to Mr. Hillis on this occasion.

Mr. ROEMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the resolution designating the Elwood Haynes "Bud" Hillis Post Office Building in Kokomo, Indiana. This tribute will serve to commemorate the 20 years of distinguished public service that Congressman Hillis provided to the state of Indiana in both the Indiana General Assembly and the United States House of Representatives.

A native of Kokomo, Indiana, Congressman Hillis graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1944 before entering the Army. He served in the European theater during World War II, and ended the war with the rank of first lieutenant. After retiring from reserve infantry duty with a rank of captain in 1954, he attended Indiana University and the Indiana University School of Law. Hillis then began practicing law in Howard County, where he was active in the community from the beginning. Hillis' involvement in charitable causes in his hometown of Kokomo earned him the admiration of his peers in the community. Among the organizations that he has helped over the past four decades include the United Way, the YMCA, the YWCA, and the Salvation Army.

Hillis' reputation as a man who embraced his causes and worked for them eventually encouraged him into politics. He made his initial venture into politics when he was elected to begin his first term in the Indiana House of Representatives in 1967. After serving two terms in the Indiana General Assembly, Hillis

was elected to the 5th district seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1970. As a member of the U.S. Congress, he became heavily involved with military and veterans affairs. Among his committee assignments were the Veterans Affairs and Armed Services Committees, where he was instrumental in upgrading Grissom Air Force Reserve Base to make that an integral part of our nation's defenses. Bud always seemed to be supportive of our nation's veterans. Even in the period of immediately following the Vietnam War, Bud recognized the need to stand by American forces here and abroad. Although he was in the minority for a number of years following that tumultuous time in American history, his efforts certainly showed him to be a man of principle.

His soft-spoken polite nature was admired by many of his peers in the House of Representatives, and he gained great respect in Washington for his 16-year legislative record. Although he was popular in his district, Hillis voluntarily stepped down in 1987 after serving eight terms.

This dedication of the Kokomo post office certainly would be a fitting tribute for a distinguished gentleman representing the state of Indiana in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2043.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. OTTER. 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.

G. ELLIOT HAGAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1183) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, as the "G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1183

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

SECTION 1. G. ELLIOT HAGAN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "G. Elliot Hagan 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 G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1183.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, H.R. 1183, introduced by my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON), on March 22, 2001, designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, as the G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building. All Members of the House delegation from the State of Georgia are original cosponsors of this legislation and support for the post office naming bills from the entire State delegation is the policy of the Committee on Government Reform.

G. Elliot Hagan was born in Sylvania, Screven County, Georgia, in 1916. He studied in public schools in Sylvania and then attended the University of Georgia. He also attended Emory University and John Marshall Law School. His varied career included the life insurance and estate planning business, editor of a weekly newspaper, livestock raising, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Tift College.

Mr. Hagan served as a representative in the Georgia State House for five terms, and one term in the State Senate. He resigned from the State legislature at the outbreak of the Second World War to serve in the Army Signal Corps for 2 years.

Mr. Hagan later became secretary-treasurer and deputy director of the State Board of Workmen's Compensation in 1946, member of the National Council of the State Governments, and a district director of the Office of Price Stabilization for southern Georgia. He was an active member of the American Legion, the Farm Bureau, and the Million Dollar Round Table and was also a Mason, a Shriner, a Rotarian, and an Elk.

Mr. Hagan was elected to the 85th Congress in 1961 and served for six terms in Congress until 1973. He was a member of the Committee on Armed Services and chairman of the Public Health and Welfare Subcommittee of the House District of Columbia committee. He died in the town of his birth in 1990.

It is appropriate that a post office be named in his honor, a true son of Sylvania, Georgia.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1183, a bill to

designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, as the G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I join with my colleague in providing support to H.R. 1183, to designate the U.S. Post Office at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania Georgia as the G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building.

This legislation was introduced by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON) on March 22, 2001. This measure has the support and cosponsorship of the entire Georgia State delegation.

The former and late Congressman G. Elliot Hagan represented the First Congressional District in Georgia from 1961 until 1973. Prior to his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Hagan served five terms in the Georgia House of Representatives and one term in the Georgia State Senate.

A native of Sylvania, Georgia, Congressman Hagan provided tremendous leadership to that community and to the area surrounding it. As a matter of fact, he was fondly known and well liked by all of those who came into contact with him.

Congressman Hagan passed on December 28, 1990. Of course, people still remember his work, they still remember his contributions, and they still remember what he meant to their community.

Therefore, I am pleased to join in support of this resolution, and urge its swift adoption.

Madam Speaker, you might note that I am wearing this lovely flower that was given to me at the E. Franklin Frazier Elementary School, where I was their commencement speaker. I want to thank them for this flower but also want to congratulate them; and I want to congratulate all of the graduates throughout the country who are finishing up their elementary school, high school, kindergarten, or college education and getting ready for the summer. I also want to thank them for this tremendous badge of honor that they gave me this morning.

Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of this resolution.

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

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

Madam Speaker, this concludes the formal remarks that we have for this tribute and this dedication. I should like to thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for his kind remarks. He truly did bring Mr. Hagan's life to life on this floor, and this tribute for Mr. Hagan is most appropriate.

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure and honor to introduce and ask that the House of Representatives pass H.R.

1183, legislation to name the Post Office in Sylvania, Georgia in Screven County for former Congressman G. Elliot Hagan.

Mr. G. Elliott Hagan served Georgia as a Democrat in the U.S. House of representatives from 1961–1973. Mr. Hagan was born in Sylvania, Georgia on May 24, 1916. He had a long and distinguished career in public service after graduating from the University of Georgia.

Mr. Hagan loved America and served his country when it was in peril. At the outbreak of the Second World War, he resigned from the Georgia State House of Representatives and served two years in the Army Signal Corps.

He loved Georgia and worked to serve his fellow Georgians. He served as Secretary-Treasurer and Deputy Director of the State Board of Workmen's Compensation, and District Director of Office of Price Stabilization for southern half of Georgia in 1951 and 1952 and Deputy Regional Director, Atlanta Regional Office. Mr. Hagan also served five terms in the Georgia State House of Representatives and one term in the Georgia State Senate.

G. Elliot Hagan was also a businessman and farmer. He engaged in life insurance-estate planning as well as general farming and kept livestock.

Mr. Hagan was a public servant for the nation. He was elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-seventh and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1961–January 3, 1973) serving the people of southern Georgia extremely well. He faithfully represented the views of the Georgians whom he served.

I am pleased to ask the Congress bestow this honor on Mr. Hagan by passing this legislation. He is deserving of this honor. Mr. Hagan served his God, country, state and family. G. Elliot Hagan was a hero and naming the Post Office in Sylvania is a fitting testament to his public service. I ask all my colleagues to vote for H.R. 1183.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1183.

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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 6 p.m.