

## GENERAL LEAVE

that the Postal Service has lost, but that we as a Nation have lost, two extraordinary women in shared grief.

Today we share their grief and we share their pride. We share their pride in those two men and in their colleagues.

I visited the D.C. General Hospital, which was the site of the postal workers coming and being advised as to the risks they faced, the health consequences that might occur, and the prophylactic that they could take. I went down the line of those who were waiting for advice and counsel and I saw the courage and the conviction in their eyes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The Chair would inform the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia that she has 30 seconds remaining.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) for yielding me this time.

I saw the courage and conviction in their eyes. It reflected the courage and conviction of Joe and Thomas. It reflected the courage and conviction of their fellow Americans, their fellow citizens. They were not prepared, nor are they now prepared, to let those who would terrorize our institutions or our people flinch, retreat, or cower. It is appropriate that we honor these two men for their courage, for their commitment, and for their contribution to making America the greatest land on the face of the Earth. God blesses America. God blessed America through the lives of Thomas and Joseph.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, could I ask the gentlewoman from Maryland if she would yield me 1 minute to sum up?

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, there is a slogan I cannot remember entirely that is associated with the Post Office, "through rain or snow or sleet," to describe just how constant is that service. Well, that describes how these men were remembered as unfailing men of the Postal Service. The renaming that we bring forward today is freighted with meaning, most obviously because it is so richly deserved, but the timing of this bill imports far deeper meaning. Hundreds of workers are preparing themselves psychologically to reenter that facility where two of their friends and colleagues died. May they find the reentry easier as they come no longer to the Brentwood Postal Facility, but to the Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center.

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

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, before I yield back the balance of my time, I yield myself such time as I may con-

sume just to say that Thomas Morris' memories will live on through his wife of 11 years, Mary, their son, Thomas, their stepchildren, Tara Underwood, Akai Snorten, their grandchildren, Thomas's two sisters, Yvonne Hankerson and Sheila Howard.

Joseph Curseen's life will be remembered by his wonderful wife of 16 years, Celeste, his parents, Billie and Joseph, his two younger sisters, Joan and Janice. We will also remember them, we will remember them every day.

I offer my deepest condolences to the family members. We can only say that while no medal or plaque or ceremony can truly convey our sadness for those who lost their lives, it is important that we in Congress show the rest of this country and the world how we value their bravery.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this measure.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. 3287.

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. MORELLA. 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.

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## BARNEY APODACA POST OFFICE

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5308) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Howes Street in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Barney Apodaca Post Office."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5308

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

## SECTION 1. BARNEY APODACA POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Howes Street in Fort Collins, Colorado, shall be known and designated as the "Barney Apodaca Post Office".

(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 Barney Apodaca Post Office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 5308.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5308, introduced by our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SCHAFER), designates the post office in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the Barney Apodaca Post Office Building.

Barney Apodaca, age 60, is a Colorado native. Although he was born developmentally disabled, he has been an inspiration to the people of Fort Collins, Colorado, through his charity work and his service to the community.

In the early 1970s, Barney began participating in the Special Olympics, always seeking opportunities to help others and striving for excellence. He has continually encouraged fellow participants and has been awarded over 30 medals for his outstanding performance in track and field.

Above all, Barney is committed to serving others. Despite his own disabilities, he has spent countless hours raising money to benefit the American Cancer Society, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, AIDSwalk Colorado, Northern Colorado Youth Hockey, and Poudre Valley Hospital.

A talented bowler, Barney has also raised money for individuals in his community with special needs by participating in numerous bowl-a-thons and other fundraising events.

In addition to his work on behalf of charities, Barney has obtained and maintains two, sometimes three, part-time jobs and works diligently for the city of Fort Collins, which has presented him with two awards recognizing his outstanding service to the community.

Barney Apodaca is an exceptional citizen who has dedicated his life to helping improving the quality of life for his community and by reaching out to those in need.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the gentlewoman from Maryland in consideration of H.R. 5308, introduced by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SCHAFER) on July 26, 2002.

Mr. Barney Apodaca is a native of Colorado who is committed to serving his community. As a disabled individual, Mr. Apodaca has been participating in the Special Olympics for more than 30 years. In addition to helping raise awareness for the Special Olympics, he has won more than 30 medals for his outstanding performance in track and field.

As an active member of his community, Mr. Apodaca has been a relentless fundraiser for charitable causes. He has raised money to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, AIDS, the American Cancer Society, and many other deserving causes. He has also worked to assist youth sporting organizations and community hospitals. His charitable works have earned him recognition for outstanding service to the community from the city of Fort Collins.

Mr. Speaker, I urge swift passage of this bill and commend my colleague for seeking to honor citizen Barney Apodaca in this manner, an individual who has given consistently, even though he may have been physically challenged. But he represents what many individuals who have disabilities represent, and that is, the ability to do things not always because of but often times in spite of. I can think of no better way of acknowledging his contribution than passage of this legislation.

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, as author of this bill, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5308, a bill designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Howes Street in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Barney Apodaca Post Office."

Barney Apodaca is a native Coloradoan who embodies the determination, perseverance and courage that makes our nation great. Born with mental retardation, Barney would not allow his disability to prevent him from achieving success. In 1974, he began participating in the Special Olympics. Since then, he has won over 30 medals for his outstanding performance in a variety of track and field events.

In recent years, Barney has selflessly raised money for a host of charitable causes including Northern Colorado Youth Hockey, the Poudre Valley Hospital, AIDS Walk Colorado, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the American Cancer Society. As an avid bowler, he has used his skill in the sport to raise money for many of these organizations, as well as for individuals with special needs. Although Barney has no direct ties to any of these organizations, he spends countless hours engaging in charity work because he wants to serve those in need. When asked which group he favors, Barney's response is "all of them."

Beloved by his community, Barney has been named the "Best Local Personality" by the Fort Collins Coloradoan. He has also been presented with two achievement awards for his outstanding service to the City of Ft. Collins.

Barney Apodaca is an inspiration to the people of Colorado. He leads by example, encouraging people to serve others and strive for excellence. His contribution to the City of Ft. Collins is immeasurable, and it gives me great pleasure to recognize his achievements by designating a United States Post Office in his honor.

I hereby submit for the RECORD this partial list of Mr. Barney Apodaca's awards and achievements:

#### BARNEY APODACA AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Attained over 30 medals for his participation in Special Olympics track and field events.

Voted the "Best Local Personality" for several years in a row in the Fort Collins Coloradoan

Several plaques of recognition for the Alternative Program's Charitable Bowling Initiatives.

#### FUNDRAISING

First place in candy sales for the Northern Colorado Youth Hockey group for several years in a row in the early 1990's.

Top Fundraiser for the Poudre Valley Hospital Foundation's "The Bowling Ball," 1997

Award for obtaining \$1,000 in AIDS Walk pledges and for "Best Volunteer" at AIDS Walk Colorado.

Special Recognition from Jerry Lewis for Barney's work for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), 1995.

Certificate of Appreciation for the MDA's Storage Tek "Bowl-A-Thon," 1997.

Top fundraiser for the MDA's Bowl-A-Thon, 1998.

Certificate of Appreciation for the MDA's "Be a Star" program, 1999.

Participates in annual "Relay for Life" walk for the American Cancer Society.

Participated in the Multiple Sclerosis's "MS Walk."

Raised pledges for the Junior Achievement "Bowl-A-Thon".

#### EMPLOYMENT

Employee Achievement Award from the Aggie Theatre, 1993.

Employee Achievement Award for 5 years of outstanding service with the City of Fort Collins, 1994.

Employee Certificate of Appreciation from the Northside Atzlan Community Center for dedication and work performance, 1996.

Employee Achievement Award for an additional 5 years of outstanding service with the City of Fort Collins, 1999

Obtained and continually maintains 2 to 3 part-time jobs at a time.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. 5308.

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.

#### THOMAS E. BURNETT, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5207) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 West Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, Minnesota, as the "Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5207

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

#### SECTION 1. THOMAS E. BURNETT, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 West Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, Minnesota, shall be known and designated as the "Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. 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 Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 5207.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5207, introduced by our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD), designates the postal facility located at 6101 West Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, Minnesota, as the Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Post Office Building.

Tom Burnett grew up in the Minnesota-St. Paul suburb of Bloomington in the district of the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD). He woke up on the morning of September 11, 2001, and headed to Newark International for a morning flight. Tom was returning home to San Ramon, California, following a business meeting in New Jersey. He boarded United Flight 93 bound for San Francisco, settled into seat 4C, and prepared for the nearly 3,000-mile flight.

Almost 1 hour into Flight 93's journey, the plane turned around. Shortly thereafter, Tom called his wife Deena and told her that his plane had been taken over by four men. Tom told his wife that he and two other passengers were determined to do something to take Flight 93 back.

Tom's wife replied that planes had already crashed into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon that morning. Tom Burnett and a few other passengers of Flight 93 overpowered the terrorists and crashed the plane into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The hijacked plane, apparently headed for Washington, may have been on its way to crashing into this very building, this very building.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate our esteemed colleague, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD), for introducing this measure that honors Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Tom Burnett was a man who personified the American virtues of humility and bravery. I urge all