

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 oftentimes 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 Coloradan 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 Atlan 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).

GENERAL LEAVE

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

Members of this House to support the adoption of H.R. 5207.

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, 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, was introduced by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) on July 24, 2002.

As an American hero, Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. was a passenger on board the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 that crashed outside of Pittsburgh on September 11, 2001.

Thomas Burnett was among a group of passengers who decided to take action against the terrorists who had hijacked Flight 93 with plans to crash the plane in Washington, D.C.

Who was Mr. Burnett? He was 38 and a resident of San Ramon, California, the senior vice president and chief operating officer of Thoratec Corporation, a medical research and development company; husband to Mrs. Deena Burnett; father of three young girls: Madison, Halley, and Anna-Clair; the son of Thomas and Beverly Burnett, Sr.; and brother to Martha O'Brien and Mary Margaret Burnett.

He was also a man of character who was able to contact his wife during the terrible journey of Flight 93 and let her know that, and I quote, "A group of us are going to do something," and something they did. That something was to make sure the hijackers did not hit a populated area.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burnett and others made a very heroic stand on September 11, 2001. Together they took control of the plane and saved many, many lives. They demonstrated leadership and courage, and deserve to be recognized.

Accordingly, I urge the swift passage of this bill and commend my colleague, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD), for seeking to honor Mr. THOMAS E. Burnett, Jr., in this manner. He exemplified the thought and the action that "If it is to be, let it begin with me."

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

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD), the introducer of this legislation.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA), for yielding time to me, for her assistance with this legislation, and also for her kind tribute to Tom Burnett, Jr.

I also thank my friend, the gentleman from Illinois, (Mr. DAVIS), for his tribute to Tom Burnett, Jr., and for his assistance with this legislation as well.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true American hero. The legis-

lation before us, H.R. 5207, would rename the West Bloomington, Minnesota, post office in my district in honor of Bloomington native Thomas E. Burnett, Jr., a true American hero.

I want to express my appreciation also to the chairman and my friend, the gentleman from Indiana, and my friend, the ranking member, the gentleman from California, as well as the majority leader, my friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), for allowing this bill to come to the floor so expeditiously so that we can pass it by September 11.

Mr. Speaker, I introduced this legislation at the request of Bloomington Mayor Gene Winstead and the Bloomington City Council, which unanimously passed a resolution of support.

Most of us know the story of Tom Burnett, Jr., who was on board United Flight 93 when it was hijacked by the terrorists on September 11. Tom, as the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) explained, was able to reach his wife, Deena, on his cell phone and told her, "We've got to do something. I know we are all going to die. There are three of us who are going to do something about it."

Led by Tom Burnett, Jr., the passengers aboard United Flight 93 showed tremendous courage in taking on the evil terrorists who intended to kill as many Americans as possible. As we all know, that plane crashed in Pennsylvania, instead of hitting the terrorists' intended target of this building, the United States Capitol, according to FBI Director Mueller.

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We all owe a deep debt of gratitude to Tom Burnett, Jr., and the other brave Americans on Flight 93. Tom Burnett was not even originally scheduled to be on that fateful flight, I might add. And I will never forget the words at Tom's funeral mass of long-time Burnett family friend, Father Joe Slepicka, who said, "Ancient history tells us God seems to call the right people in the right time and place to do the right things for the good of others."

Mr. Speaker, God called Tom Burnett, Jr., and Tom did the right thing for the good of others.

Tom Burnett grew up in Bloomington, Minnesota, the son of Thomas and Beverly Burnett, Sr. He was the quarterback of the Thomas Jefferson High School football team and led his team to the State championship game in 1980. Tom married Deena in 1992 and they have three beautiful children, Madison, Halley and Anna-Clair. Tom was also a highly successful business executive and had many other credits to his name.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Burnett, Jr., will always be remembered both as a great and a good man who loved his family and loved America. As Tom, Sr., said, "There weren't many shades of gray in Tommy. He was loyal to his country and loyal to his family and he knew right from wrong."

The people of Bloomington, Minnesota, Tom Burnett's hometown, have honored Tom's memory in several lasting ways. On the Friday after the September 11 attacks, the Bloomington Jefferson High School football team wore Tom's number 10 on their helmets. On this coming Thursday at Bloomington Stadium when Jefferson plays crosstown rival Bloomington Kennedy, Tom's jersey number will be retired. A memorial scholarship fund has been established in Tom Burnett's honor, and a collection of Tom's favorite books was placed in his former high school's media center. A white oak tree was planted in Tom Burnett's honor in front of his home church, St. Edward's Catholic Church in Bloomington, where Tom was confirmed and where his funeral was held.

A large fieldstone was placed in front of the tree with the words from the Book of John, Chapter 15, verse 13, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend." Mr. Speaker, that says it all about Tom Burnett, Jr.

Tom's ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten by his family, his community and his grateful Nation. Tom Burnett, Sr., fondly remembers a conversation with his son on the 50th anniversary of the D-day invasion in France when Tom, Jr., prophetically wondered out loud whether he, Tom Burnett, Jr., would have had the same level of courage those soldiers had during the invasion of Normandy Beach. On September 11, Tom, Jr., was tested and he certainly showed that level of courage, courage that inspires all of us today, courage of an American hero.

Our Nation owes a deep debt of gratitude for Tom Burnett's bravery on September 11. Naming a post office in Tom Burnett's hometown in Bloomington, Minnesota is one meaningful and lasting way Congress and the President can honor his heroism and his memory. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation to rename the West Bloomington Post Office the Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Post Office.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. RAMSTAD. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend congratulations to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) for this very important resolution.

He mentioned the fact that Flight 93 was destined to come to this building. And as we rapidly approach the anniversary of September 11, we know that this Capitol dome is a symbol, not only here in the United States, but to the entire world, of freedom. So the sacrifice that Tom Burnett and the others on Flight 93 made is something that is very, very worth recognizing, and I think that naming this post office is a very appropriate effort that the gentleman has put into place here. And I would simply like to congratulate my friend for what he has done here.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from California, my friend, the chairman of the Committee on Rules, for his very, very kind and thoughtful remarks.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I also would like to thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) for his moving tribute and for introducing this legislation. We do believe it is quite appropriate, in a very small way, as a matter of fact, to dedicate and name this post office for Tom Burnett who is a hero to all of us. So I ask adoption of this measure by this House.

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5207, a bill to designate a post office in Bloomington, Minnesota, as the Thomas E. Burnett, Jr., Post Office Building. This legislation reflects the spirit of the American people in the aftermath of last year's terrorist attacks, to honor a man that we know to be a hero, who used the last few precious minutes of his own life to save the lives of so many others. I am fortunate to have been able to serve Tom Burnett as his U.S. Representative.

The American people will forever remember Thomas Burnett as a hero. But to his wife, parents, three daughters and loved ones, he was a man of courage and strength long before September 11, 2001.

Tom Burnett grew up in Bloomington, Minnesota, as a child who loved sports and the outdoors. From fishing with his dad, to becoming the star quarterback in high school, Tom was the image of an athlete and the all-American guy. After studying at the Air Force Academy and later graduating from Pepperdine University, he went on to become a senior executive of a company that makes medical devices.

Then, on September 11, the all-American guy became the all-American hero. Thomas Burnett and others aboard made the decision to take down the plane somewhere above Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania, after learning of the fates of the three hijacked aircraft.

That morning, Tom Burnett called his wife Deena repeatedly, pumping her for information. Later, it was no surprise to her that Tom led the effort to bring the plane down before it could take more lives.

But the result was that thanks to the bravery of people like Tom Burnett, countless innocent lives were saved, including our own, and our nation's Capitol was spared.

Many believe terrorists were going to use the fourth plane, Flight 93, as a weapon to crash into another site in Washington, DC. Whether it was the United States Capitol Building or the White House, we will never know.

This was the ultimate act of bravery and sacrifice from the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, and those who enter our nation's Capitol each day should cherish their valiance.

As the day approaches that will mark the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks, we should all step back for a moment to remember why it may be that our nation's Capitol still stands today, or why the White House remains untouched.

It was because of the courage of Tom Burnett and others, truly among the great heroes of our nation.

There may never be answers for all the questions that surround the events of September 11, 2001, or closure for all of those around the world who suffered the loss of loved ones in this tragedy.

But it is in our power to make sure that we appropriately honor Thomas E. Burnett, Jr., and our other fellow Americans who suddenly became heroes on September 11. Let us thank and remember him by passing this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). 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. 5207.

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.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4727, DAM SAFETY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time for the Speaker as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4727) to reauthorize the national dam safety program, and for other purposes, and the consideration of the bill proceed according to the following order:

The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with;

points of orders against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII are waived;

general debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill. Each section of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read.

At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the committee

shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instruction.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VENUS AND SERENA WILLIAMS

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 94) honoring the contributions of Venus and Serena Williams.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 94

Whereas, although Venus and Serena Williams are only 20 and 19 years old and only in their sixth and third full years as professional tennis players respectively, they have over 43 professional titles between them;

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams have broken racial and socioeconomic barriers with pride and poise by showing the world that tennis is a sport for all people;

Whereas Venus Williams is the first African-American woman to win the Wimbledon Championships since 1958, is the first United States woman since 1924 to win an Olympic gold medal in both singles and doubles, holds the women's world record for the fastest serve at 127 miles per hour, and is one of only seven women to win the singles titles in both the Wimbledon Championships and the U.S. Open in the same year;

Whereas Serena Williams is only the second African-American woman ever to win a Grand Slam singles title, is only the sixth American woman to win the U.S. Open singles title since 1968, is only the fifth woman to win both singles and doubles Grand Slam titles in the same year, and is the first woman to reach the finals in a U.S. Open debut since 1978;

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams are the first sisters in professional tennis history to each win a Grand Slam singles title, the first to be ranked in the top ten simultaneously since 1991, the first to win a Grand Slam doubles title together, the first to compete against one another in a Women's Tennis Association Tour final, and the first to win an Olympic gold medal in doubles together;

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams have inspired and encouraged people of all backgrounds and ages, especially those in their hometown of Compton, California, demonstrating through the spirit of sport that education, a good work ethic, teamwork, fortitude, and determination are ingredients for success;

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams are African-American role models, coached to excellence by their father, and encouraged by both parents to be leaders, to demonstrate high moral and ethical standards, to value education, and to never stray from these family values; and

Whereas Venus and Serena Williams have been beacons of light to their community, passing out tennis rackets and conducting