

bravest, Second Lieutenant James Michael Goins, a Carroll County, Arkansas, native who was recently killed in action in Iraq.

Michael, a member of the Army's 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, was killed on August 15 when a militia member in Najaf attacked his tank.

By all accounts, Michael was not only a great soldier, but also a model citizen. He was high school valedictorian, captain of his high school football and basketball teams, and a recipient of the National Military Scholar Award, an honor going to only 10 percent of the ROTC cadets in the Nation.

He carried himself in a manner that earned praise and admiration from every person he touched. His ROTC professor called Michael the "finest soldier" he "has ever known" and his high school basketball coach said he "learned more about life" from Michael than he gave Michael.

Michael always wanted to be a soldier. Almost immediately upon earning his officer's commission, he selflessly put himself in harm's way in a country far away so that we could live free of terror here at home.

Mr. Speaker, Second Lieutenant James Michael Goins made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He is a true American hero. I ask my colleagues to keep Michael's family and friends in their thoughts and prayers during these difficult times.

TERROR ATTACKS IN RUSSIA PART OF GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week the world watched in horror as militant terrorists murdered hundreds of Russian schoolchildren. No one can doubt that we are in a full-scale global war on terror. Since September 11, the terrorists have attacked in Tunis, Karachi, Bali, Jakarta, Casablanca, Bombay, Mombassa, Najaf, Riyadh, Baghdad, Istanbul, Madrid, and continued the campaign of terror against Israel.

As British Prime Minister Tony Blair has stated, the world was transformed on September 11. We can no longer simply grieve for the victims of these evil acts; we must join together and defeat the terrorists before they can strike again. This is why President George W. Bush has brought together allies to liberate millions from terrorist-sponsoring regimes in Afghanistan and Iraq. Together with our allies, we are making major arrests of terrorists throughout the world, cutting off their financial assets, and increasing our intelligence capabilities.

We must realize that this war cannot be won overnight. It requires perseverance and steadfastness. Yet, in the end, freedom and liberty will triumph over extremist hatred.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

U.S. ECONOMY KEEPS ON GROWING AND CREATING NEW JOBS

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. economy keeps on growing and creating new jobs. Last month alone, 144,000 new jobs were created. But if one were to listen to Senator JOHN KERRY, one would think we were in the middle of another Great Depression.

The U.S. economy has created jobs in each of the last 12 months for a total of nearly 1.7 million new jobs. The unemployment rate has fallen to 5.4 percent, which is about the same as in 1996 when President Bill Clinton was running for reelection. And thanks to the leadership of our great President George W. Bush and the majority of the Republicans in Congress, our economy is strong and getting stronger.

Senator KERRY, while flip-flopping on a variety of issues, has been remarkably consistent on one issue, and that one issue is raising taxes. Higher taxes on hard-working Americans and job providers have never created a job or helped a family meet its needs.

My message to Senator KERRY is we have turned the corner toward a progrowth, projob, profamily economy, and we are not turning back.

WEEKLY AWARD FOR WORST EXAMPLE OF BIASED LIBERAL MEDIA REPORT

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, The New York Times has repeatedly hammered Republicans for their get-out-the-vote efforts involving churches, going so far as to suggest that their tax-exempt status should be questioned. One reporter, David D. Kilpatrick, has written four stories on this topic in the past few months, implying that Republicans' relationship with churches somehow is improper. Yet when former President Bill Clinton recently gave a politically motivated anti-Republican speech at the Riverside Church in New York City, the Times was not concerned.

As the election draws near, the liberal bias of the media continues to grow worse. The American people deserve to hear balanced and factual news.

Beginning next week and continuing until the November elections, I will announce a weekly award for the worst example of a biased liberal media report, whether print or electronic.

EMERGENCY DISASTER FUNDS NECESSARY FOR FLORIDA

(Mr. YOUNG of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, when natural disasters occur around the world, or especially in the United States, we respond. But of all of these natural disasters that we have experienced, seldom has an entire State been affected. But thanks to tropical storm Bonnie, Hurricane Charley, and Hurricane Frances, every section of Florida has been affected.

President Bush, Governor Bush, Mike Brown, the Director of FEMA, and our State and local emergency responders have done an outstanding job, and the people of Florida have done an outstanding job in beginning to put their lives back together. But today FEMA, who handles our disaster funding, is running out of money, and by midnight tonight their funds will be exhausted.

I have introduced a supplemental bill, as requested by the President, and, hopefully, we can pass it here in the House this afternoon, and the Senate will be able to take it up later this evening. It is important because FEMA is out of money. It is important to make sure that everybody knows that this is not going to be the total cost. This is just emergency funding to keep the cash flowing to those disaster areas in my State of Florida.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

RECORD votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4442) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the "Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building" and to authorize the installation of a plaque at such site, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4442

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the "Guardians of Freedom Memorial 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 “Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building”.

SEC. 2. INSTALLATION OF PLAQUE.

(a) AGREEMENT.—The Postmaster General may enter into an agreement with the Office of Veterans’ Services of the State of Nevada under which the Office of Veterans’ Services of the State of Nevada agrees—

(1) to install a plaque to be displayed at the Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building referred to in section 1(a); and

(2) to maintain and update such plaque, as appropriate and in accordance with subsections (b) and (c).

(b) INSCRIPTIONS.—

(1) DEDICATION.—The plaque installed pursuant to subsection (a) shall bear the following inscription: “This post office building is dedicated in the memory of those men and women of the State of Nevada who have lost their lives while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States in the Global War on Terrorism and in Operation Iraqi Freedom.”.

(2) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The plaque installed pursuant to subsection (a) shall also include with respect to the men and women of the Armed Forces referred to in paragraph (1) inscriptions containing the names, ranks, branches of service, hometowns, and dates of death of such men and women.

(c) EXPENDITURE OF COSTS.—The agreement referred to in subsection (a) shall provide that the Office of Veterans’ Services of the State of Nevada shall have sole responsibility for the expenditure of all costs associated with the installation, maintenance, and updating of the plaque.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4442, introduced by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS), designates the Post Office in Reno, Nevada, as the “Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building.” This post office intends to serve as a memorial to our fellow Americans whom we have lost in the war against terror. Therefore, I strongly thank the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) for offering this legislation. I am going to urge its passage and ask all of my colleagues to do the same.

Since the attacks on New York and Washington on September 11, 2001, our Nation has been locked in a war on terror that we did not choose to enter. But thanks to the work of our brave

U.S. Armed Forces, this conflict is one that we will win. Our loyal troops toil and struggle every day in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and other locations across the globe defending America from terrorism, hate, and extremism. We must never forget their sacrifices.

Mr. Speaker, as President Bush made clear during his Presidential nomination acceptance speech last week, we have fought the terrorists across the Earth not for pride, not for power, but because the lives of our citizens are at stake. During the war on terror, our military men and women have extended the fight with terrorists to where they live and plot, thus making Americans safer here at home.

American troops continue to fight terrorism in Iraq and in Afghanistan during their critical efforts to stabilize these two young nations. They are succeeding, and history will fondly remember their efforts to liberate millions of people. We think about our soldiers each and every day, we pray for them, and we owe them the thanks of a grateful Nation. This Post Office is one small token of our boundless appreciation.

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

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

As a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in the consideration of H.R. 4442, legislation naming a postal facility in Reno, Nevada, after “Guardians of Freedom.” This measure, which was introduced by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) on May 20, 2004, and unanimously reported by our committee on July 8, 2004, enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the Nevada delegation.

The name, “Guardians of Freedom,” was chosen by the Nevada North Valley High School Air Force Junior ROTC cadets. The cadets chose the name to honor Nevada men and women who have fought and continue to fight the war on terrorism, particularly those Nevadans who have lost their lives to protect our freedoms.

I commend my colleague for sponsoring this bill, and I urge its quick passage.

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

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER).

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4442, legislation introduced by my fellow Nevadan, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS), to designate the United States postal facility at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the “Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building.”

I am proud to join with the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) in honoring the brave men and women of our Nation’s Armed Forces with the dedication of this Post Office. It is im-

portant for all of us to pause and remember those who have selflessly stood in harm’s way as the guardians of our most fundamental freedoms: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Remembering those who have served our country with the Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building helps to preserve in the hearts and lives of our citizens the spirit of patriotism, the love of country, and the willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This legislation recognizes not just members of the military, but all men and women and children who are committed to guarding the freedoms we hold so dearly.

Recently our Nation has been faced with threats from enemies who desire to oppress rather than to liberate, who advocate tyranny over democracy, and who prefer terrorism to freedom. The attacks of September 11, 2001, are fresh in our memories, but we are reminded that this is not the first time in the history of our great Nation that we have been faced with intimidation and threats to our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, while the names of those who threaten us may be new, the honor and courage with which our Nation faces them is not.

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All of those who have worked to guard our freedoms, our police and fire departments, first responders and all Americans who believe our country is the greatest Nation in the world because of the freedoms we enjoy are honored with this postal facility in Reno, Nevada.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the gentleman from Nevada (Congressman GIBBONS) for his personal dedication to our Nation. As many of you know, prior to coming to Congress, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) served our Nation as a combat pilot and is a decorated veteran of both the Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars. Throughout his military service, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) received 19 service medals including the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He continues protecting the freedom of Nevadans and all Americans through his service in Congress where he has distinguished himself as a leader in homeland security and intelligence issues.

Again, I urge all Members of the House to support H.R. 4442 and pass this legislation honoring those who serve as guardians of our freedom.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4442, the Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act.

It is my great honor and privilege to bring before you this bill, which attempts to honor Nevada’s military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice during the Global War on Terror, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Nevada’s families have lost precious loved ones during these conflicts, and many members of Nevada’s communities have come to

me requesting some form of recognition for these noble men and women.

This bill helps provide such recognition by establishing the Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building, in Reno, NV—a consecration of ground forever preserving the memories of these valiant individuals.

To my knowledge, no other post office in the United States serves with the distinction of being the single location for recognizing and honoring all those of a community who have fallen in defense of our Nation's liberty.

Upon passage of this bill into law, a plaque will be placed at this site.

The plaque will bear the names of those Nevadans who have given the ultimate sacrifice in fighting terrorism; the names of those who have died defending America's liberty. The names, Mr. Speaker, of those Nevadans who have fallen while liberating their brothers and sisters in humanity from the barbarism of a different age.

The names of these Nevadans will be permanently etched into this plaque and will serve as an enduring reminder to future generations that freedom is never free, and those who defend liberty will never be forgotten.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting my fellow Nevadans who have lost loved ones, by voting in favor of this special bill, H.R. 4442.

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

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 4442, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4442.

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.

HARVEY AND BERNICE JONES POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4381) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2811 Springdale Avenue in Springdale, Arkansas, as the "Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4381

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

SECTION 1. HARVEY AND BERNICE JONES POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2811 Springdale Avenue in Springdale, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "Harvey and Bernice Jones 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 Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to rise in support of H.R. 4381. The Congress names post offices after numerous Americans, some famous, some anonymous, who devote inordinate time, energy, and resources to constructive causes, to their communities, or to the greater public. And today, through the consideration of H.R. 4381, we recognize a couple that is among the most deserving to be honored by Congress with a local post office.

Mr. Speaker, Harvey and Bernice Jones dedicated literally a lifetime of service to the people of Arkansas. The Joneses gave away literally millions of dollars to schools, to hospitals, to charities, most of them in northwest Arkansas, through the Harvey and Bernice Jones Charitable Trust.

After Harvey died in 1989, Bernice established the Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Institute at the University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock in 1994. The next year Bernice opened the Harvey and Bernice Jones Center for Families and Children in Springdale. The center, which features a swimming pool and ice skating rink, continues to positively mentor youths. President Clinton took notice of Mrs. Jones's work in his home State and awarded Bernice the Presidential Citizens Medal for her benevolence to humanity on February 22, 1996.

Bernice Jones passed away September 10, 2003. And I thank the gentleman from Arkansas (Congressman BOOZMAN) for advancing this legislation on behalf of Harvey and Bernice Jones. This beloved couple deserves to be remembered by the people of Springdale forever. This post office should serve as a wonderful memorial to their compassion.

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

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join with my colleagues in the consideration of H.R.

4381, legislation naming a postal facility in Springdale, Arkansas, after Harvey and Bernice Jones. This measure, which was introduced by the gentleman from Arkansas (Representative BOOZMAN) on May 18, 2004, and unanimously reported by our committee on July 8, 2004, enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the Arkansas delegation.

As my colleagues have heard, the late Harvey and Bernice Jones were founders of a nonprofit organization, the Jones Center for Families. The mission of the center is to "serve families, strengthen community, and glorify God." The organization, which provided a host of needed community services including health, education, and recreational facilities, was founded to improve the lives of those in need of assistance and guidance.

In 1996 President William Clinton awarded Mrs. Bernice Young Jones the Presidential Citizen Medal. Throughout her life, Mrs. Jones donated millions of dollars to assist individuals and families.

Mr. Harvey Jones, who built one of the largest trucking companies in the country, was also a generous contributor to charitable organizations. Sadly, he passed in 1989, and Mrs. Jones passed away last year.

I commend my colleagues for sponsoring this bill, and I urge its quick passage.

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

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to introduce legislation to my fellow colleagues to name the post office at 2811 Springdale Avenue in Springdale, Arkansas, after Harvey and Bernice Jones. Harvey and Bernice Jones are known throughout Arkansas for their amazing generosity and compassion for their community. Harvey Jones first started the Springdale Transportation Company in 1919 and soon changed the name to Jones Truck Lines, Incorporated, which later became one of the largest privately owned trucking companies in the United States. In 1938 the couple married and together used their success to further the improvement of their community and their home State of Arkansas.

The Joneses were instrumental in the development of Springdale's first hospital, and in 1992 Bernice Jones continued their support for the hospital by pledging \$25 million to the Northwest Medical Center of Washington County. Furthermore, the couple provided a wing of the hospital for family members who want to stay close to their loved ones.

Harvey Jones was chairman of the Springdale Memorial Hospital Board,