

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 464.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS FOR H.R. 10 SUBMITTED BY THE SPEAKER

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding clause 7 of rule XII, the Union Calendar print of H.R. 10 may reflect additional cosponsors submitted by the Speaker.

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

There was no objection.

LEONARD C. BURCH POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5051) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Williams Street in Ignacio, Colorado, as the "Leonard C. Burch Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5051

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

SECTION 1. LEONARD C. BURCH POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Williams Street in Ignacio, Colorado, shall be known and designated as the "Leonard C. Burch 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 Leonard C. Burch Post Office Building.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. 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 H.R. 5051, the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the distinguished gentleman from Colorado, the

sponsor of H.R. 5051, I rise in support of the Leonard C. Burch Post Office Designation Act.

Leonard Burch was chairman of the Southern Ute Tribal Council for more than 32 years. He was the first elected tribal chairman in 1966, making him the youngest ever at age 32. Chairman Burch was an effective, ambitious leader for the Southern Utes and helped to economically develop this tribe based in the Rocky Mountains.

Mr. Speaker, Leonard Burch died in August 2003 after suffering a heart attack. This post office will be a deserved honor for Leonard Burch, and I know it will make his family very proud.

I thank the sponsor, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. McINNIS), for bringing this bill to the floor today. I am pleased to urge passage of H.R. 5051.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 5051, legislation naming a U.S. postal facility in Ignacio, Colorado, as the "Leonard C. Burch Post Office."

The gentleman from Colorado (Mr. McINNIS), a Republican, introduced this measure which enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the entire Colorado delegation on September 9, 2004.

Leonard C. Burch was the long-time leader of the Southern Ute tribe of Colorado. He is credited with bringing his tribe from the brink of bankruptcy and into solvency. Through his efforts, the tribe became a major player in the energy development market with assets of \$1.5 billion.

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As part of the Council For Energy Resource Tribes, Burch was instrumental in improving energy development in tribes throughout the country. Mr. Burch was also regarded as a skilled diplomat and testified before Congress on numerous occasions advocating for greater tribal control over its own resources.

Mr. Burch passed away last year after suffering a heart attack at the age of 69. We join the Southern Ute Tribe in their loss, for not only have they lost a great leader, but also the United States has lost a truly great man. I urge swift passage of this resolution.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5051, the Leonard C. Burch Post Office Building Designation Act.

Leonard Burch served as chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe for 30 years. He became the youngest chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in south-western Colorado in 1966. Although it was criticized at the time, his decision to reinvest tribal royalties back into the tribal corporations has proved to be far sighted. Through this reinvestment the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is one of the wealthiest Indian tribe in the country.

In an effort to regain the rights to the resources on their land, Chairman Burch taught himself the intricacies of the oil and gas business. As a result, he was instrumental in the Southern Ute Tribe becoming the primary beneficiary of their own mineral rights. Under his leadership the tribe was able to acquire several commercial buildings, multiple energy companies, including the largest natural gas company in the state of Colorado, a real estate company, and a casino.

Chairman Burch championed the cause of tribal sovereignty. He was able to bring the Southern Ute Indian Tribe from relative obscurity into one of the most prominent and wealthy tribes in the country. The Southern Ute Tribe's business success can be used as a positive example for Native American tribes throughout the country. Chairman Burch was the driving force behind this success story.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and the Colorado delegation in honoring the life and accomplishments of Chairman Leonard Burch and support the designation of the Ignacio Main Post Office as the Leonard C. Burch Post Office Building.

For more information about the life of Chairman Burch, I am attaching an obituary published in The Durango Herald on August 2, 2003.

LEONARD CLOUD BURCH

Leonard Cloud Burch, the longtime leader of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe who advocated economic self-sufficiency, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at Mercy Medical Center.

Mr. Burch, 69 who died after suffering a heart attack on Thursday, served as chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for more than 32 years. He was first elected tribal chairman in 1966.

Under his leadership the Southern Utes became an economic force in the Four Corners and the largest employers in the country.

Starting with interests in natural-gas wells, the Utes used revenues from businesses to fund improvements in tribal education, health and social services. He was invited by five separate U.S. presidents to conferences on American Indian policies at the White House.

He received numerous awards, including: the Durango Citizen of the Year Award (1997), the 15th annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award (2000) and the Council of Energy Resources Tribes' Achievement Award (2002). He was also recognized for his commitment to regional water resources development.

To settle various water claims by regional tribes, including the Southern Utes, Mr. Burch advocated development of the Animas-La Plata Project, a water-storage project now under construction south of Durango.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1933, to Sam and Clara (Cloud) Burch. Upon graduation from Ute Vocational High School in Ignacio, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, and he served four years. After his return from service, Mr. Burch worked for five years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He married Irene Coolidge, who had also attended school in Ignacio.

He is survived by his wife; seven daughters, Leonora Bravo of Ignacio, Leona Burch of Ignacio, Lena Mae Burch of Missoula, Mont., Lisa Burch-Watts of Ignacio, Leora Lucero of Ignacio, Laurena Burch of Albuquerque, and Lynnette Sage of Ignacio; 14 grandchildren; a brother, Anthony Burch of Two Rivers, Alaska; a sister, Bertha Grove of Bayfield; a half-brother, Everett Burch of Bayfield; and a half-sister, Judy Lansing-Burch of Ignacio.

A viewing and a visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. Monday at Hood Mortuary. A

public memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the SunUte Recreation Center in Ignacio.

Donations honoring Mr. Burch should be made to the Leonard Burch Scholarship Fund, PO Box 2717, Durango CO 81302 or to the American Heart Association.

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, I urge passage of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5051.

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.

ADAM G. KINSER POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4807) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Sacramento Street in Rio Vista, California, as the "Adam G. Kinser Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4807

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

SECTION 1. ADAM G. KINSER POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Sacramento Street in Rio Vista, California, shall be known and designated as the "Adam G. Kinser 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 Adam G. Kinser Post Office Building.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 4807, the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4807 that would establish the Adam G. Kinser Post Office. I congratulate the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE)

for introducing this bill and for securing the cosponsorship of the entire 53-Member delegation from California to comply with Committee on Government Reform policy.

All Americans mourn the loss of those who die in the service of their country in the Armed Services. Brave, dedicated 21-year-old Specialist Adam Kinser was one of these tremendous Americans. Adam proudly fought for his country in Afghanistan as part of the war on global terror.

In his senior year of high school, Adam felt a calling to serve his country and enlisted in the Army Reserves. In July 2003, the Army sent Specialist Kinser to Afghanistan as part of the Army Reserves' 304th Psychological Operations Company. On January 29, 2004, Kinser and eight fellow soldiers were working near a weapons cache in Ghanzi, 60 miles southwest of Kabul, when an explosion took the life of all nine men.

Mr. Speaker, Adam Kinser was a loving son and brother, dedicated student athlete, husband, and father. He was, in short, an American hero. The House joins with the community of Rio Vista and the family of Adam G. Kinser in grieving the loss of their beloved star student athlete. This post office will forever commemorate Adam's sacrifice to his grateful Nation.

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, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join with my colleague in consideration of H.R. 4807, legislation naming the U.S. postal facility in Rio Vista, California, after Adam Kinser.

This measure, which was introduced by the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE) on July 9, 2004, was unanimously reported by our committee on September 15, 2004. H.R. 4807 enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the entire California delegation.

Adam Kinser, a native of Rio Vista, California, joined the United States Army Reserve during his senior year of high school. A high school football player and hardworking member of his family's business, Adam was no stranger to hard work and dedication. He served with the 304th Psychological Operations Company, U.S. Army Reserve, based in Sacramento, California.

Last summer, Specialist Kinser was sent to Afghanistan. Earlier last year, he married his childhood sweetheart and learned prior to his deployment that his wife was expecting. Sadly, he was killed early this year, January 29, when an arms depot exploded in Ghanzi, Afghanistan. He left behind a wife and a son.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for seeking to honor the sacrifice of Specialist Kinser and urge swift adoption of this bill.

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to our colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE), the author of this bill.

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for yielding me this time, and I thank the gentleman from Illinois for his kind remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4807, the Adam G. Kinser Post Office Act. Adam was a national hero, a loving son and brother, a dedicated student, an athlete, and a proud father to be. These are just a few phrases that can be used to describe him. Frankly, while no list of descriptions can ever do justice to understanding his bravery, the compassion of this young man who gave his life for his country at age 21 merits recognition.

Adam Gareth Kinser was born in 1983, and from the age of 5 was raised in Rio Vista, California the very southern portion of my district. He and his four younger siblings grew up there. Even as a child, Adam stood out in his community, not only to his family and friends but also to his peers, teachers and teammates. He was a hardworking student. Adam was even a teaching assistant in some of his high school classes, and a former teacher described him as, frankly, the best the United States has to offer.

His positive attitude, his willingness to help others, his kind heart made him a natural role model to his friends and classmates. He was a leader on the field. He was also an outstanding varsity athlete. He ran track, played basketball, and he started on the football team as quarterback for three seasons, so as a sophomore, junior and senior.

Adam's leadership and compassion extended beyond school and the athletic fields into his home, where he acted as a mentor and a protector to his younger siblings, one of whom recalls that Adam "was always protecting me, even when I didn't want it."

A true role model and leader in his community, Adam also wanted to serve and protect his country, even as such a young man. During his senior year in high school, he joined the Army Reserve and was attending boot camp at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on September 11, 2001. Adam was called up for active duty in July of 2003 and served in Afghanistan with the Army Reserves' 304th Psychological Operations Company.

During Christmas 2003, Adam returned home for some well-earned R&R, where his wife, Tiffany, surprised him with the amazing gift of an ultrasound of their soon-to-be-born son. Adam was ecstatic to be a father, and after returning to fulfill his duty in Afghanistan, he literally was counting down the days until he would be reunited with his wife and new baby.

As my colleagues have said, a tragic turn of events prevented Adam from coming home. On January 29 of this year, Adam was among nine soldiers