

So Republicans are going to stay in this fight. Bailouts for corporate America, but no relief for our citizens struggling under the record weight of gasoline prices is not acceptable to Republicans in this Congress. We will stay on this floor. We will continue in this fight. We are not going away until the American people have a bipartisan strategy that sets us on a short-term course to lessen our dependence on foreign oil and on a long-term course for energy independence in the 21st century.

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 6229.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of our time and urge passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Ross). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6229.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### ARMY SPC DANIEL AGAMI POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6338) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, as the "Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6338

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

#### SECTION 1. ARMY SPC DANIEL AGAMI POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Army SPC Daniel Agami 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 "Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KLEIN), who introduced this legislation.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman.

I rise in support of H.R. 6338, a bill to honor the life and legacy of Specialist Daniel J. Agami, who was killed in action on June 21, 2007, while serving his country in Iraq.

Daniel Agami was a devoted friend, a loving son and brother and courageous soldier. Growing up in South Florida, Daniel's parents raised him with strong Jewish values, and he was very proud of his Jewish heritage. To his friends, and he got quite a kick out of it, he was known as "GI Jew." A little different.

Daniel knew he was meant to serve a greater purpose in life, and in 2005 his love for country and an unyielding drive to serve others led him to enlist in the United States Army. For his heroism in combat, Daniel was posthumously presented with multiple medals of honor, including the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

During his service in the U.S. Army, Daniel worked with local schools, devastated from war and destruction, to refurbish their structures and mentor their students.

The communities he served in Iraq and here at home have suffered a tremendous loss. Daniel made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, and it is with great pride that I rise in support of this legislation to recognize his strong moral character and his work to make this world a better place.

It is my sincere hope that when the South Florida community utilizes the services of the post office in Coconut Creek, Florida, they will remember and honor Army Specialist Daniel Agami and his exceptional patriotism and courage.

I would like to also thank the members of the Florida congressional delegation for their strong support of this legislation. I would also like to recognize the Agami family: Parents, Beth and Itzhak; brother, Ilan and his wife, Elisha; sister, Shaina; and grandmother, Sandy Becker. The Agami family will be in Washington D.C. later this week where they will celebrate and honor Daniel's life and memory.

I urge passage of this piece of legislation.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard Coconut Creek, Florida, as the Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building.

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United States Army Specialist Daniel J. Agami was, in the words of his grandmother, "the best of the best." He was much more than a soldier. He was a leader, a selfless patriot, and a joyous young man with a huge heart.

Born in Ohio, Daniel moved with his family to south Florida when he was 4. He attended the Hebrew Academy Community School and Coconut Creek High School and was in college when he decided he was meant for a higher purpose. Without consulting friends or family, Daniel answered his calling and enlisted in the Army.

Daniel brought the Army more than service and bravery. He brought his good humor, his tremendous heart and the moral conviction that he served something far greater than himself.

Affectionately known by his fellow soldiers as "GI Jew," he strove constantly to improve the lives of those around him. When he was not educating his fellow soldiers about his religion, he was serving as a mentor to orphaned children in Iraq. In the words of his father, "He had 10,000 friends, and 10,000 friends thinking he was their best friend."

On June 21, 2007, Daniel Agami was killed while on patrol in Baghdad. He was only 25. More than 1,000 people attended his funeral. He was posthumously promoted to specialist, and his parents were presented with a number of medals, including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal.

Daniel died defending his core belief that America fights for the freedom and survival of the entire world. As one friend recalled, "He had said that if, God forbid, anything happened to him, this is where he belonged."

A loving son, brother, grandson and friend, Daniel Agami will be missed, and not just by those 10,000 best friends, but by all Americans who cherish freedom and courage and honor.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill so that the life of this courageous young man and all that he stood for will not soon be forgotten.

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 Chair of the House subcommittee with oversight authority for the United States Postal Service, I stand in support of H.R. 6338, which renames a postal facility in Coconut Creek, Florida, in honor of Specialist Daniel Agami.

H.R. 6338 enjoys the support of the entire House delegation from Florida

and was introduced by my colleague, Representative RON KLEIN, on June 20, 2008. The measure was taken up by the Oversight Committee on July 16, 2008, where it was passed by voice vote.

H.R. 6338 calls for honoring Specialist Daniel Agami for his unwavering commitment, service and sacrifice to America. Army Specialist Daniel Agami died on June 21, 2007, in Baghdad from injuries he suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

While in college in 2005, he enlisted in the Army and was deployed to serve in Iraq the following year. Army Specialist Agami not only served as a combat soldier, but he was also a mentor for orphaned children in Iraq. Described as having a sunny personality, he was loved by the children he worked with and is certainly missed.

Daniel's parents were presented with his Purple Heart and Bronze Star at his funeral. Agami was also posthumously honored with the Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

In honor of his tremendous service to this country, I urge my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 6338 and renaming the postal facility on West Hillsboro Avenue in Coconut Creek, Florida, after Specialist Daniel Agami.

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 6338, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would urge passage and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6338.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### MICKEY MANTLE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 171) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The text of the Senate bill is as follows:

#### S. 171

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

#### SECTION 1. MICKEY MANTLE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, shall be known and designated as the "Mickey Mantle 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 "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

S. 171 renames a postal facility in Commerce, Oklahoma, in honor of Mickey Mantle, the great American baseball player.

The House Oversight Committee received S. 171 after it had been considered and passed by our colleagues in the Senate. The measure was originally introduced by Senator JAMES INHOFE of Oklahoma back on January 4, 2007, and the Oversight Committee passed the bill by voice vote on June 12, 2008.

S. 171 calls for honoring Mickey Mantle by designating the post office in his hometown of Commerce, Oklahoma, as the Mickey Mantle Post Office Building. Mickey Mantle was born on October 20, 1931. Named Mickey by his father after the Philadelphia Athletics Hall of Fame catcher, Mantle is one of the greatest American baseball players of all time. In 1974, he was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and his uniform number 7 was retired, celebrating his 18 years of playing for the New York Yankees.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of Mickey Mantle, let us pass, without reservation, S. 171 and rename the post office facility on Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, after this legendary American athlete.

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

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

I rise today in support of S. 171, to rename the post office in Commerce,

Oklahoma, for the town's most famous citizen, Mickey Charles Mantle.

Mickey Mantle was a true American hero. He was an outfielder for the New York Yankees, a first-ballot Hall of Famer with 536 career home runs. When he hit them, they flew.

He hit the longest home run ever at the old Yankee Stadium—it hit the top facade in right field—and the longest ever at Washington's old Griffith Stadium and at Detroit's old Tiger Stadium. The term "tape-measure home run" was invented when the Yankees' traveling secretary used a tape to measure the Griffith Stadium blast at 565 feet.

Named for Mickey Cochrane, another baseball Hall of Famer—Mantle often joked that he was glad his father didn't know Cochrane's real first name was Gordon—the Mick was a three-sport star at Commerce High. A New York Yankees' scout who came to see a teammate play in a semipro game saw Mantle hit titanic home runs from both sides of the plate and tried to sign him on the spot, only to find that he was still 16, still in high school, and ineligible for pro ball. The scout told Mickey he would return the day he graduated from high school, and he did.

Four years later the Mick was in right field in Yankee Stadium, and Joe DiMaggio was patrolling center field. Both took off to run down a scorched liner to right field. As they arrived at the ball, DiMaggio called off Mantle. Mantle tried to stop, but caught his cleats in a sprinkler head. He went down "like he was shot," said one observer.

In many ways, this blazing fast, preternaturally powerful athlete was never the same. He went on to win a Triple Crown in 1956, claim three American League Most Valuable Player awards, make 16 All-Star teams and win seven world championships. He still holds the records for most home runs, RBIs, runs, walks, extra-base hits and total bases in the World Series.

As great as he was, the question that dogs his legacy is, what if? What if he had stayed healthy? What if he had never contracted osteomyelitis, a crippling bone disease in high school? What if he had never been plagued by other diseases and injuries, including alcoholism?

He is number 17 on the list of the greatest 100 players of all time. Where might he have ended up otherwise? Who in baseball history might today be considered above him?

The Mick was not a great businessman, and many of the ventures he funded with his top salaries for the Yankees proved unsuccessful. But he made another fortune in the memorabilia market. His signature and artifacts fetched sums second only to those of Babe Ruth.

Why? He moved with a breathtaking grace. He was that rarest of commodities, the fastest and most powerful guy on the team. Moreover, he smiled. He connected with fans. He looked like