

of Lula, Georgia, in naming the "Private Johnathon Millican Post Office." This honor will serve as a lasting reminder of the true recognition that is deserving of a fallen hometown hero who sacrificed his life to save the lives of his fellow soldiers.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD a copy of the letter from Mr. Milton Turner, the Mayor of the City of Lula, requesting that this post office be named the "Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office."

CITY OF LULA,

Lula, GA, August 20, 2007.

Subject: Consideration of Honorarium for PFC Johnathon Millican.

Congressman NATHAN DEAL,
Wachovia Center, Jesse Jewell Parkway,
Gainesville, GA.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN DEAL: This letter represents the request of the City of Lula to recognize and honor the sacrifice and contributions made by a local young man, a fallen hero, Private First Class Johnathon Millican with the recognition and honor of his service and dedication to his country the naming of the Lula Post Office located on McCloud Street. Our 20-year-old young hero (a Hall County Native), was killed by insurgents in Iraq on Jan. 20, he had covered an enemy concussion grenade with his body attempting to protect his comrades from the enemy intrusion and was one of five U.S. soldiers killed during the attack in Karbala.

Johnathon had attended Lula Elementary and East Hall Middle School and High School only recently moving to Locust Grove Alabama before enlisting in the Army. Millican was a member of the 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment from Fort Richardson, Alaska.

PFC Millican was off duty in a communications room exchanging e-mails with his wife when the Jan. 20 attack started. The attackers fired several rounds into the room with an AK47 and one of them tossed in a grenade. In an earlier interview, Mitchell Millican told The Birmingham News his son was on one knee facing the door "ready to shoot" at that point and "He could just as easily have jumped behind a desk or ducked down or whatever, but he chose to cover the grenade" Mitchell Millican said "and, to me, that shows character".

We know of your commitment to our service men and woman and know how moved you were at his loss; this honor would help to establish the true recognition deserving of a fallen hero. Also we would encourage your efforts to move forward the campaign to have the pentagon award PFC J. Millican with the "Medal of Honor" a process which we realize could take months or even years.

Further we hope to have the opportunity in the near future to honor Jonathon's heroics here in Hall County and depending on your guidance will await some possible timetable for suggested dedication. Please advise the city of your schedule allowing your attendance and participation.

Best regards,

MAYOR MILTON TURNER.

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to express my full support for H.R. 3532, naming the Federal post office in Lula, Georgia, in honor of PFC Johnathon Millican. It is a fitting tribute to a brave soldier.

This recognition from the community where Johnathon spent his boyhood comes in addition to the inspiring ceremony held last July 28 at Locust Fork High School in Alabama, where Johnathon received his diploma. It was my great privilege to participate in the ceremony,

in which Johnathon's wife and father were presented with his posthumous Silver Star award.

Johnathon's actions during the raid on Karbala on January 20, 2007 are the embodiment of the scriptural passage that says there is no greater love for a man than to lay down his life for his friends. His valor saved the lives of his fellow soldiers, and he died defending freedom.

At this time, allow me to introduce the remarks I made during the ceremony into the RECORD.

The actions of Johnathon Millican embody the same scriptural passage that we've heard at funerals of many of our veterans. It is: Greater love has no man than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Johnathon's life was short, but his legacy will stand.

His father shared with me a conversation he had with Johnathon just before he graduated here. Many of Johnathon's classmates were planning for college. Others had lined up a job. Still others were talking about how they were going to spend their summers, the things they were going to do.

Johnathon had already made another decision. He was going to enlist in the Army. The call to duty to serve his country was strong in the aftermath of 9/11.

Johnathon knew there would be personal sacrifices involved. He knew the fight would not be easy. In fact, his father reminded him that it could be dangerous. Johnathon accepted that. But Johnathon believed in the mission. From Iraq, he posted an observation on the Internet which I wish everyone in this country would observe.

The quote is, "You don't have to love the war but you have to love the warrior."

One definition of warrior is "someone notable strength of spirit."

Johnathon resoundingly demonstrated those qualities this past January 20th, when insurgents broke into the government compound in Karbala.

I think it is Johnathon's valor and our concern for all our young men and women in the field that brings us together. The Silver Star Award has given each and every one of us an opportunity to thank Johnathon and his family in a tangible way for his service and his courage. I very much appreciate each and every one of you who have come out this morning to show your love, your compassion, and your gratitude to Johnathon and his family.

It's a struggle to find the right words at a time like this. I think it's best to go to the soldiers in the field. Let me read from the email sent to me this week from Iraq by Captain Tom Morris, who was Johnathon's commanding officer.

"As a commander of troops in combat, losing your soldiers is harder than losing family members. Speaking at Johnathon's memorial service was the hardest thing I ever had to do.

"It brings me great pleasure to know that he is being awarded the Silver Star and that there will be a memorial at his high school in his honor. I believe the most important thing to do is to tell his story to those who do not know it, especially those who attend his school.

"I will always remember him, especially his deep southern accent and that he was a country boy who was the toughest there was and that nothing really bothered him. I can only hope that I can be as strong, both mentally and physically, as he was.

"He will be missed, but never forgotten. He was my soldier, friend, and fellow para-trooper."

"Hero" is an overused word these days. It's used to describe a TV actor or football play-

er. There is a difference between fame and worthy accomplishment.

The reason we need to tell Johnathon's story is so people, especially our young men and women and boys and girls, do understand the difference between celebrity and heroism. The students who go past the memorial here at Locust Fork High School will know that a real hero walked their halls.

To conclude, a passage from Corinthians (16:13) is appropriate for Johnathon and all of the soldiers who protect us. It reads:

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be men of courage, be strong."

These words apply perfectly to Johnathon, and why he is deserving of the Silver Star being presented to his family today.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I don't have any additional speakers. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SHAYS. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3532.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JAMAL RASHARD ADDISON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4203) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the "Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building," as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4203

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

SECTION 1. SPECIALIST JAMAAL RASHARD ADDISON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison 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 "Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 4203, as amended, which names a postal facility in Lithonia, Georgia, after Army Specialist Jamaal Addison, the first soldier from Georgia to lose his life while serving in Iraq.

H.R. 4203, which has the support of the entire congressional delegation from the State of Georgia, was introduced by my friend, Representative Henry "Hank" Johnson, Jr., of the State of Georgia on November 15, 2007, and was considered by and reported from the Oversight Committee by voice vote on January 29, 2008.

Mr. Speaker, the measure before us pays tribute to the life and service of Army Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison by renaming the post office in his hometown of Lithonia, Georgia, after him.

A brave member of the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company in Fort Bliss, Texas, Army Specialist Jamaal Addison died, unfortunately, on March 23, 2003, as a result of an enemy ambush near Nasiriyah, Iraq. Army Specialist Jamaal Addison was born on October 7, 1980, in the very town of Lithonia and spent his entire childhood there until enlisting in the United States Army in March of 2000.

As we pay tribute to this heroic American citizen, let's also take a moment and recollect on the thousands of men and women in uniform currently serving abroad in order to protect us here at home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we all proudly commemorate both the life and unfortunate death of Army Specialist Jamaal Addison by passing H.R. 4203. I want to commend the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON) for bringing forth this legislation and getting the entire delegation to support it.

At this time, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this bill designating the United States postal facility located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia as the "Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building." A native of Georgia, Army Specialist Jamaal Addison was a "quiet, yet driven young man with a very gentle spirit." An honor roll student and member of the Junior ROTC, Jamaal graduated from Lakeside High School in Tucker, Georgia, in 1998.

His love of video games fostered a passion for computers. Driven by his desire to start his own computer business, Jamaal saw the military as an opportunity to develop his expertise as a computer technician. Enrolling in the Army in 2000, Specialist Addison spent a year in Korea before he was sent to the Middle East as part of the 507th Maintenance Company in the first days of the Iraqi War.

On March 23, 2003, the 507th convoy was ambushed and, tragically, Jamaal Addison lost his life. A dedicated hus-

band, father, brother, and son, Specialist Addison was the first Georgian to pay the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq. His determination and caring spirit lives on through the Jamaal Addison Motivational Foundation, an organization founded by his mother, Patricia Roberts, to provide young members of the community with the opportunity to experience "wide options available to them to lead successful lives" and to "strive to achieve his or her highest potential."

I urge the passage of this bill in honor of an ambitious, caring, and dedicated American who sacrificed his life while serving his country, a true American patriot.

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON), the author and sponsor of this legislation, a friend who serves on the Armed Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4203, my bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the "Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building."

The war in Iraq continues, and no matter what our differing opinions are on it, it is imperative that we honor those who have fallen serving our country. Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison was one of the first to meet an untimely end, and it is my privilege to stand here today to honor him.

Jamaal was born on October 7, 1980, to Patricia M. Roberts and Kevin B. Addison. He was the first Georgia soldier to lose his life in the Iraq war. He is survived by his parents and his 6-year-old son, Jamaal RaShard Addison, the 2nd. Jamaal was a lifelong resident of the Fourth District of Georgia, which is where I represent, and he was raised in the City of Lithonia for most of his life from 1981 to 1998.

He attended Henderson Mill Elementary School, Henderson Middle School, and Lakeside High School. Motivated by the opportunity to train as a computer technician and to help provide for his family, Jamaal joined the ROTC at Lakeside High School in Decatur, Georgia, in 2000.

After enlisting in the United States Army, Jamaal completed his basic training at Fort Benning and also at Fort Gordon in Georgia before serving a year in Korea. As a member of the 507th Maintenance Company, Jamaal was part of the initial invasion of Iraq. He was killed just days after he arrived there on March 23, 2003, when his convoy took a wrong turn and was ambushed near Nasiriyah. He was just 23 years old.

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Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison was the first Georgia soldier to pay the

ultimate price in the Iraq war. Out of this tragedy, however, has come some good in the form of the Jamaal Addison Motivational Foundation, Inc., founded by Jamaal's mother, Patricia Roberts.

The foundation works with young people to offer opportunities for positive growth and to expose youth to the wide options available to them to lead successful lives. It offers youth an 8-week program designed to motivate, teach, and inspire them to develop into citizens of stature to give back to the community.

I've had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Roberts and have seen firsthand the tremendous impact that this foundation has had upon our community. Jamaal's father, Kevin Addison, is a career postal worker; and so renaming this post office is a particularly fitting tribute to a fine young man who was an excellent father as well.

Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison paid the ultimate price by giving his life in service to his country. He was the first of too many Georgians to perish in Iraq. This year marks the fifth anniversary of his untimely passing, and I am very pleased to be able to offer this bill in his memory.

America's fallen soldiers are heroes who deserve our enduring support. I ask my colleagues and all Americans to recognize those who have fallen and those who are currently serving by supporting this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4203, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the 'Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building.'"

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SERGEANT JAMIE O. MAUGANS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5135) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the "Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building."

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5135

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

SECTION 1. SERGEANT JAMIE O. MAUGANS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201