

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

West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, shall be known and designated as the "Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans 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 "Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans 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 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in consideration of H.R. 5135, which seeks to designate a postal facility in Derby, Kansas, in honor of Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans, the first soldier from Kansas to lose his life in Operation Enduring Freedom. That's the war in Afghanistan.

H.R. 5135 enjoys the support of the entire congressional delegation from the State of Kansas and was introduced by my colleague, Representative TODD TIAHRT, on January 23, 2008. The measure was taken up by the Oversight Committee on January 29, 2008, and was passed by voice vote.

H.R. 5135 calls for honoring Sergeant Maugans' service to our country by designating the post office in his home town of Derby, Kansas, as the Sergeant Maugans Post Office Building.

A graduate of Derby High School and a former student of the University of Kansas and Cowley County Community College, Sergeant Maugans served diligently as a member of the armed services since 1997.

Sergeant Maugans was an ordnance disposal specialist and stationed in San Diego, California, before being deployed to Afghanistan in the fall of 2001. On April 15, 2002, while disposing of ordnances near Kandahar, Afghanistan, Sergeant Maugans was killed along with three other soldiers in his unit when rockets which he was attempting to dismantle exploded.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the swift passage of H.R. 5135. And I apologize for not pronouncing the sponsor of the legislation's name correctly. I suspect I did not.

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

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, in deference to the gentleman who introduced this bill, TODD TIAHRT, who is a member of the Appropriations Committee and is also on its Defense subcommittee and also a member of the Intelligence Committee, I'm going to

insert my statement into the RECORD and then yield him as much time as he might consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this bill, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Germany Street in Derby, Kansas, as the "Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building."

A native of Derby, SGT Jamie Maugans was the first casualty of the global war on terror from the 4th Congressional District in Kansas.

A graduate of Derby High School, Sergeant Maugans attended the University of Kansas and Cowley Community College before joining the Army. Stationed in San Diego serving as an ordnance disposal specialist, he deployed to Afghanistan shortly after the attacks of 9/11 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

On April 15, 2002, while disposing of ordnance near Kandahar, Afghanistan, Sergeant Maugans, along with three others, lost his life in an accidental ordnance explosion.

Described by his friends as one of the "kindest, most gentle-hearted people on the planet," Jamie Maugans died preserving the lives of his fellow soldiers and the freedom of this Nation. I urge that we accept this bill to honor that spirit of sacrifice embodied by Sergeant Maugans.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, first I want to thank the gentleman from North Carolina for carrying this bill and also the gentleman from Connecticut for yielding to me and for the great job he's doing here in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I am also honored to have to carry this bill. And, today, Congress has the honor to approve the bill, naming the post office in Derby, Kansas, after a true American hero, SGT Jamie O'Dell Maugans.

Sergeant Maugans was the first casualty of the global war on terror from the 4th District of Kansas, a district that has experienced 12 casualties in this war. A Derby native, Sergeant Maugans graduated from Derby High School and attended Cowley County Community College and the University of Kansas before joining the Army.

When the terrorists attacked our Nation on September 11, 2001, Jamie was serving as an ordnance disposal specialist stationed in San Diego, California. Shortly after those attacks, he was deployed in Afghanistan in connection with Operation Enduring Freedom. On April 15, 2002, while disposing of ordnance near Kandahar, Afghanistan, Sergeant Maugans was killed.

The explosion also took the lives of three other soldiers, including fellow Kansan, SSG Justin Galewski from Olathe. Jamie was only 27 years old.

Sergeant Maugans left behind a loving family and friends in Kansas. I know his mother, Kathy Wurdeman, and his father, Bryce Maugans, his step-mother, Mary Maugans, and his brother and four sisters are very proud of Jamie and his service to this country. I am honored to have worked with the Maugans family and the Derby community on this effort.

Although this bill names the Derby Post Office building after Sergeant

Maugans, this endeavor is not only a way to honor Jamie, but a way to honor all those from Kansas who have died in defense of this Nation from radical Muslims.

As the first casualty from my district, Jamie's life and memory are a representation of all those who have lost their lives in the global war on terror. I hope this effort will be a reminder to everyone in south central Kansas of the sacrifice that so many veterans have made for our country and our freedoms.

Let me take just a few moments to read the names of all those from the 4th District of Kansas who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan so that their sacrifice is honored:

SGT Jerry W. Mills, Jr., from Arkansas City, Kansas, died on November 29, 2005.

SGT Evan S. Parker, also from Arkansas City, died on October 26, 2005.

SGT Alexander J. Funcheon from Bel Aire died on April 29, 2007.

PFC Class Ryan R. Cox from Derby died on June 15, 2001.

SPC Joseph F. Herndon II, also from Derby, died on July 29, 2004.

SPC Dustin K. McGaugh from Derby died on September 30, 2001.

SGT Willsun Mock from Harper died on October 22, 2006.

SPC Eric C. Palmer from Maize died on June 24, 2007.

SSG David R. Berry from Wichita died on February 22, 2007.

PFC Chad E. Marsh from Wichita died on February 17, 2007.

And 1SG Timmy J. Millsap from Wichita died on April 25, 2005.

In addition, at this time I will submit a statement for the RECORD and include all the names of Kansans who have died in the global war on terror.

Mr. Speaker, below are the names of the fallen heroes from Kansas who have died in the global war on terror. These brave men paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to a grateful Nation. Although we are naming the post office after one of their comrades, I hope this effort honors all those who have died in defense of America.

Staff Sergeant Clinton Lee Wisdom from Atchison died on November 8, 2004.

2nd Lieutenant James Michael Goins from Bonner Springs died on August 15, 2004.

Lance Corporal Brian A. Escalante from Dodge City died on February 17, 2007.

Private 1st Class Shane R. Austin from Edgerton died on October 8, 2006.

Staff Sergeant Dustin W. Peters from El Dorado died on June 11, 2004.

Corporal Juan C. Cabralbanuelos from Emporia died on January 31, 2004.

Sergeant Christopher R. Kruse from Emporia died on November 13, 2007.

Specialist David J. Lane from Emporia died on September 4, 2007.

Sergeant 1st Class Travis S. Bachman from Garden City died on August 1, 2007.

Specialist Clinton R. Upchurch from Garden City died on January 7, 2007.

Corporal Richard A. Bennett from Girard died on May 27, 2006.

Sergeant William W. Crow Jr. from Grandview Plaza died on June 28, 2007.

Sergeant Jessie Davila from Greensburg died on February 20, 2006.

Specialist John Edward Wood from Humboldt died on October 7, 2006.

Sergeant Christopher S. Perez from Hutchinson died on May 23, 2005.

Sergeant Courtney D. Finch from Leavenworth died on July 24, 2007.

Corporal David M. Unger from Leavenworth died on October 17, 2006.

Lance Corporal Jose S. Marin-Dominguez Jr. from Liberal died on May 14, 2006.

Staff Sergeant Henry W. Linck from Manhattan died on December 7, 2006.

Lance Corporal Christopher B. Wasser from Ottawa died on April 8, 2004.

Staff Sergeant Kevin L. Zeigler from Overland Park died on August 12, 2006.

Private 1st Class Peter D. Wagler from Partridge died on January 23, 2006.

Specialist Joseph L. Lister from Pleasanton died on November 20, 2003.

Sergeant Ian C. Anderson from Prairie Village died on January 15, 2007.

Corporal Michael Raymond Speer from Redfield died on April 9, 2004.

Private Dustin L. Kreider from Riverton died on March 21, 2004.

Specialist Lucas A. Frantz from Tonganoxie died on October 18, 2005.

Private Jeremy L. Drexler from Topeka died on May 2, 2004.

Specialist Kyle G. Thomas from Topeka died on September 25, 2003.

Specialist Don Allen Clary from Troy died on November 8, 2004.

Sergeant Jacob Lee Butler from Wellsville died on April 1, 2003.

Specialist Michael D. Brown from Williamsburg died on October 16, 2007.

Sergeant Benjamin C. Morton from Wright died on May 22, 2005.

Staff Sergeant Justin J. Galewski from Olathe died on April 15, 2002.

Sergeant Michael C. Barry from Overland Park died on February 1, 2003.

Specialist David E. Hall from Union Town died on February 25, 2004.

Corporal Jeremiah S. Cole from Hiawatha died on August 16, 2006.

Sergeant 1st Class Bernard Lee Deghand from Mayetta died on September 15, 2006.

Sergeant Charles J. McClain from Fort Riley died on October 31, 2006.

Sergeant Jeffery S. Mersman from Parker died on November 9, 2007.

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Sergeant Evan S. Parker from Arkansas City died on October 26, 2005.

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Specialist Eric C. Palmer from Maize died on June 24, 2007.

Staff Sergeant David R. Berry from Wichita died on February 22, 2007.

Private 1st Class Chad E. Marsh from Wichita died on February 17, 2007.

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Mr. Speaker, by naming this post office building the Jamie O. Maugans Post Office, I hope that everyone in south central Kansas will come to know and remember this young man and his sacrifice. Furthermore, I hope that we can all recommit ourselves to honor those who have fallen in battle in defense of this Nation. I ask my colleagues to support this important effort.

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. 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. 5135.

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.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 281) celebrating the birth of Abraham Lincoln and recognizing the prominence the Declaration of Independence played in the development of Abraham Lincoln's beliefs.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 281

Whereas Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, was born of humble roots on February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln rose to political prominence as an attorney with a reputation for fairness, honesty, and a belief that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was elected and served with distinction in 1832 as a captain of an Illinois militia company during the Black Hawk War;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834 from Sangamon County and was successively re-elected until 1840;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln revered the Declaration of Independence, forming the motivating moral and natural law principle for his opposition to the spread of slavery to new States entering the Union and to his belief in slavery's ultimate demise;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was elected in 1846 to serve in the United States House of Representatives, ably representing central Illinois;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln re-entered political life as a reaction to the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854 which he opposed;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln expounded on his views of natural rights during the series of Lincoln-Douglas debates in 1858 declaring in Charleston, Illinois that natural rights were "... enumerated in the Declaration of Independence, the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and these views brought Lincoln into national prominence;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln, through a legacy of courage, character, and patriotism, was elected to office as the 16th President of the United States on November 6, 1860;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln believed the Declaration of Independence to be the anchor of American republicanism, stating on February 22, 1861, during an address in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at Independence Hall that, "I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence

... I have often inquired of myself, what great principle or idea it was that kept this Confederacy so long together. It was not the mere matter of separation of the Colonies from the motherland; but that sentiment in the Declaration of Independence which gave liberty, not alone to the people of this country, but, I hope, to the world, for all future time. It was that which gave promise that in due time the weight would be lifted from the shoulders of men";

Whereas, upon taking office and being thrust into the throes of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all slaves in southern States that seceded from the Union on January 1, 1863;

Whereas, on November 19, 1863, Abraham Lincoln dedicated the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with the Gettysburg address, which would later be known as his greatest speech, that harkened back to the promises of the Declaration of Independence in the first sentence: "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal";

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was reelected to the Presidency on November 8, 1864, by 55 percent of the popular vote;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country, dying six weeks into his second term on April 15, 1865;

Whereas the year 2009 will be the Bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, and the United States will observe 2 years of commemorations beginning February 12, 2008; and

Whereas all Americans could benefit from studying the life of Abraham Lincoln as a model of achieving the American Dream through honest, integrity, loyalty, and a lifetime of education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the United States Congress—

(1) requests that the President issue a proclamation each year recognizing the anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(2) encourages State and local governments and local educational agencies to devote sufficient time to study and appreciate the reverence and respect Abraham Lincoln had for the significance and importance of the Declaration of Independence in the development of American history, jurisprudence, and the spread of freedom around the world.

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 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in consideration of H. Con. Res. 281, which celebrates the birth of Abraham Lincoln and recognizes the prominence the Declaration