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Major Freeman's heroic acts in the Ia Drang Valley were subsequently immortalized in the Mel Gibson film *We Were Soldiers*.

While he retired from the military in 1967 and moved to Idaho with his beloved wife, Barbara, and sons, Mike and Doug, Major Freeman did not give up flying—as he went to work for the Department of the Interior's Office of Aircraft Services. Upon his official retirement in 1991, Major Freeman had logged more than 25,000 hours of flying time.

Regrettably, Major Freeman passed away in August of last year at the age of 80.

Mr. Speaker, let us honor Major Freeman and his service to our country through the passage of this legislation. I urge my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 1284, and dedicating the McLain Post Office after this distinguished veteran.

I reserve the balance of our time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1284, to designate the facility of the United States postal service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office."

Major Freeman perhaps balances the three initiatives here today—a young soldier; an inspirational young man who died far too young of cancer; and, thirdly, a man who lived a full and complete life but who gave and gave and gave.

Major Freeman was born on November 20, 1927, in Mississippi. Before graduating from high school, as many of his generation, often called America's finest generation, young Freeman enlisted in the Navy, and served 2 years before returning home to Mississippi, graduating from high school, and deciding to return to the military; this time, to the Army.

During the Korean War, Ed Freeman rose to the rank of master sergeant in an Army engineer unit, and did his battles in many places, including the battle immortalized as Pork Chop Hill, and was then awarded a Battlefield Commission.

As was earlier mentioned, Major Freeman was too tall to be initially allowed to be a pilot. At 6'4", he was certainly a big target for the infantry, I might say, too. But with his perseverance, he eventually attended flight school until the regulation changed in 1955. But he kept that nickname, "Too Tall" Freeman. He carried it through the rest of his military career.

After winning his wings, Major Freeman began to fly fixed-wing aircraft and later switched to helicopters. In 1965, he was sent to Vietnam and served in Company A, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, of the famous 1st Cavalry Division.

On November 14, 1965, Major Freeman's helicopters carried a battalion into battle in the Ia Drang Valley, which became the first major confrontation between large U.S. forces and North Vietnamese regulars. For that, he received a number of commendations for his willingness to fly into the face of this heavy combat while dealing with casualties, going in and out and running low on supplies and fuel.

Major Freeman volunteered to fly into the battle area, risking his own life, delivering critically needed ammunition, water, and medical supplies to a battalion on the ground.

In all, Major Freeman carried out 14 separate rescue missions. For these actions, Major Freeman was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on July 16, 2001, by President George W. Bush. A few months later, Major Freeman visited the White House again for the premier of *We Were Soldiers*, a 2002 feature film that depicted his role in the battle that day.

We will miss "Too Tall." We will miss his generation.

Mr. Freeman died in Boise, Idaho, on August 20, 2008, from complications of Parkinson's disease, and is survived by his wife of 54 years, Barbara Freeman, and his sons, Mike and Doug.

Mr. Speaker, naming a post office after a man who gave and gave and gave to his country the way Major Freeman did is little enough to do. Today, recognizing his life and contribution, too, is little enough to do for one of the last of America's finest generations.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, at this time I yield 5 minutes to the lead sponsor of this resolution, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR).

Mr. TAYLOR. I want to thank the gentlemen from Massachusetts and California for their very timely consideration of this. I want to thank all the members of the Mississippi House delegation for cosponsoring it.

Gentlemen, there really isn't anything that remains to be said. I think you all did a phenomenal job of honoring Ed Freeman's life. The only thing I would ask is that his Medal of Honor citation be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Thank you for the timely consideration.

MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION, CAPTAIN ED W. FREEMAN, UNITED STATES ARMY

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

Captain Ed W. Freeman, United States Army, distinguished himself by numerous acts of conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary intrepidity on 14 November 1965 while serving with Company A, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). As a flight leader and second in command of a 16-helicopter lift unit, he supported a heavily engaged American infantry battalion at Landing Zone X-Ray in the Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam. The unit

was almost out of ammunition after taking some of the heaviest casualties of the war, fighting off a relentless attack from a highly motivated, heavily armed enemy force. When the infantry commander closed the helicopter landing zone due to intense direct enemy fire, Captain Freeman risked his own life by flying his unarmed helicopter through a gauntlet of enemy fire time after time, delivering critically needed ammunition, water and medical supplies to the besieged battalion. His flights had a direct impact on the battle's outcome by providing the engaged units with timely supplies of ammunition critical to their survival, without which they would almost surely have gone down, with much greater loss of life. After medical evacuation helicopters refused to fly into the area due to intense enemy fire, Captain Freeman flew 14 separate rescue missions, providing life-saving evacuation of an estimated 30 seriously wounded soldiers—some of whom would not have survived had he not acted. All flights were made into a small emergency landing zone within 100 to 200 meters of the defensive perimeter where heavily committed units were perilously holding off the attacking elements. Captain Freeman's selfless acts of great valor, extraordinary perseverance and intrepidity were far above and beyond the call of duty or mission and set a superb example of leadership and courage for all of his peers. Captain Freeman's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would urge the passage of H.R. 1284, recognizing a Medal of Honor winner, a great American, one who has lived a long life and contributed a great deal to our country. Again, I urge support for H.R. 1284.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, again, I simply want to thank Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi and, again, I want to urge all Members to support H.R. 1284.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1284.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. CARSON of Indiana) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

# ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 987, H.R. 1217, and H.R. 1284, in each case by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

## JOHN SCOTT CHALLIS, JR. POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 987, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 987.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 0, not voting 47, as follows:

[Roll No. 125]

### YEAS—384

Abercrombie	Burton (IN)	Dent
Ackerman	Butterfield	Diaz-Balart, L.
Aderholt	Buyer	Diaz-Balart, M.
Adler (NJ)	Calvert	Dicks
Akin	Camp	Dingell
Alexander	Campbell	Doggett
Altmire	Cantor	Donnelly (IN)
Andrews	Capito	Driehaus
Arcuri	Capps	Duncan
Austria	Capuano	Edwards (MD)
Baca	Cardoza	Edwards (TX)
Bachmann	Carmahan	Ehlers
Bachus	Carney	Ellison
Baird	Carson (IN)	Ellsworth
Baldwin	Carter	Engel
Barrett (SC)	Cassidy	Eshoo
Barrow	Castle	Etheridge
Bartlett	Castor (FL)	Fallin
Barton (TX)	Chaffetz	Farr
Bean	Chandler	Fattah
Becerra	Childers	Filner
Berkley	Clarke	Fleming
Berman	Clay	Forbes
Berry	Cleaver	Fortenberry
Biggert	Clyburn	Foster
Billbray	Coble	Fox
Billirakis	Coffman (CO)	Frank (MA)
Bishop (GA)	Cohen	Franks (AZ)
Bishop (NY)	Cole	Frelinghuysen
Bishop (UT)	Conaway	Fudge
Blackburn	Connolly (VA)	Garrett (NJ)
Blumenauer	Cooper	Gerlach
Blunt	Costa	Giffords
Boccieri	Costello	Gonzalez
Boehner	Courtney	Goodlatte
Bonner	Crenshaw	Gordon (TN)
Bono Mack	Crowley	Granger
Boozman	Cuellar	Graves
Boswell	Culberson	Grayson
Boyd	Cummings	Green, Al
Brady (PA)	Dahlkemper	Green, Gene
Brady (TX)	Davis (AL)	Griffith
Braley (IA)	Davis (CA)	Guthrie
Bright	Davis (IL)	Hall (TX)
Broun (GA)	Davis (KY)	Halvorson
Brown (SC)	Davis (TN)	Hare
Brown-Waite,	Deal (GA)	Harman
Ginny	DeFazio	Harper
Buchanan	DeGette	Hastings (FL)
Burgess	DeLauro	Hastings (WA)

Heinrich	Heller	Matsui
Hensarling	Herseth Sandlin	McCarthy (CA)
Herman	Higgins	McCarthy (NY)
Hill	Himes	McClintock
Hirono	Hinojosa	McCollum
Hodes	Hirono	McCotter
Hoekstra	Hodes	McDermott
Holden	Hoekstra	McGovern
Holt	Holden	McHenry
Honda	Holt	McHugh
Hoyer	Honda	McIntyre
Hunter	Hoyer	McKeon
Inglis	Hunter	McMahon
Inslee	Inglis	McMorris
Israel	Inslee	Rodgers
Issa	Israel	McNerney
Jackson (IL)	Issa	Meek (FL)
Jackson-Lee	Jackson (IL)	Meeks (NY)
(TX)	Jackson-Lee	Melancon
Jenkins	(TX)	Mica
Johnson (GA)	Jenkins	Michaud
Johnson, E. B.	Johnson (GA)	Miller (FL)
Johnson, Sam	Johnson, E. B.	Miller (MI)
Jones	Johnson, Sam	Miller (NC)
Kagen	Jones	Miller, George
Kanjorski	Kagen	Minnick
Kaptur	Kanjorski	Mitchell
Kildee	Kaptur	Mollohan
Kilpatrick (MI)	Kildee	Moore (KS)
Kilroy	Kilpatrick (MI)	Moore (WI)
Kind	Kilroy	Moran (KS)
King (IA)	Kind	Murphy (CT)
King (NY)	King (IA)	Murphy, Patrick
Kingston	King (NY)	Murphy, Tim
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Kingston	Murtha
Kissell	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Nadler (NY)
Klein (FL)	Kissell	Napolitano
Kline (MN)	Klein (FL)	Neal (MA)
Kosmas	Kline (MN)	Neugebauer
Kratovil	Kosmas	Nunes
Kucinich	Kratovil	Nye
Lamborn	Kucinich	Oberstar
Lance	Lamborn	Obey
Langevin	Lance	Oliver
Larsen (WA)	Langevin	Ortiz
Larson (CT)	Larsen (WA)	Pallone
Latham	Larson (CT)	Pastor (AZ)
LaTourette	Latham	Paul
Peters	LaTourette	Paulsen
Peterson	Peters	Payne
Petri	Peterson	Perlmutter
Pingree (ME)	Petri	Perriello
Pitts	Pingree (ME)	Peters
Platts	Pitts	Peterson
Poe (TX)	Platts	Petri
Polis (CO)	Poe (TX)	Pingree (ME)
Pomeroy	Polis (CO)	Pitts
Posey	Pomeroy	Platts
Price (GA)	Posey	Poe (TX)
Price (NC)	Price (GA)	Polis (CO)
Rahall	Price (NC)	Pomeroy
Rangel	Rahall	Posey
Rehberg	Rangel	Price (GA)
Reichert	Rehberg	Price (NC)
Reyes	Reichert	Rahall
Richardson	Reyes	Rangel
Rodriguez	Richardson	Rehberg
Roe (TN)	Rodriguez	Reichert
Rogers (AL)	Roe (TN)	Reyes
Rogers (MI)	Rogers (AL)	Richardson
Rooney	Rogers (MI)	Rodriguez
Ros-Lehtinen	Rooney	Roe (TN)
Ross	Ros-Lehtinen	Rogers (AL)
Rothman (NJ)	Ross	Rogers (MI)
Roybal-Allard	Rothman (NJ)	Rooney
Royce	Roybal-Allard	Ros-Lehtinen
	Royce	Ross

### NOT VOTING—47

Boren	Hall (NY)	Radanovich
Boucher	Hinchey	Rogers (KY)
Boustany	Johnson (IL)	Rohrabacher
Brown, Corrine	Jordan (OH)	Roskam
Cao	Kennedy	Sánchez, Linda
Conyers	Kirk	T.
Delahunt	Lucas	Shea-Porter
Doyle	Luetkemeyer	Shimkus
Dreier	McCauley	Smith (WA)
Emerson	Miller, Gary	Speier
Flake	Moran (VA)	Stark
Galleghy	Myrick	Thompson (PA)
Gingrey (GA)	Olson	Turner
Gohmert	Pascarell	Walz
Grijalva	Pence	Wamp
Gutierrez	Putnam	Welch

□ 1856

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## SPECIALIST PETER J. NAVARRO POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1217, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1217.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 0, not voting 47, as follows:

[Roll No. 126]

### YEAS—384

Abercrombie	Carney	Forbes
Ackerman	Carson (IN)	Fortenberry
Aderholt	Carter	Poster
Adler (NJ)	Cassidy	Fox
Akin	Castle	Frank (MA)
Alexander	Castor (FL)	Franks (AZ)
Altmire	Chaffetz	Frelinghuysen
Andrews	Chandler	Fudge
Arcuri	Childers	Garrett (NJ)
Austria	Clarke	Gerlach
Baca	Clay	Giffords
Bachmann	Cleaver	Gonzalez
Bachus	Clyburn	Goodlatte
Baird	Coble	Gordon (TN)
Baldwin	Coffman (CO)	Granger
Barrett (SC)	Cohen	Graves
Barrow	Cole	Grayson
Bartlett	Conaway	Green, Al
Barton (TX)	Connolly (VA)	Green, Gene
Bean	Conyers	Griffith
Becerra	Cooper	Guthrie
Berkley	Costa	Hall (TX)
Berman	Costello	Halvorson
Berry	Courtney	Hare
Biggert	Crenshaw	Harman
Billbray	Crowley	Harper
Bishop (GA)	Cuellar	Hastings (FL)
Bishop (NY)	Culberson	Hastings (WA)
Bishop (UT)	Cummings	Heinrich
Blackburn	Dahlkemper	Heller
Blumenauer	Davis (AL)	Hensarling
Blunt	Davis (CA)	Herger
Boccieri	Davis (IL)	Herseth Sandlin
Boehner	Davis (KY)	Higgins
Bonner	Davis (TN)	Hill
Bono Mack	Deal (GA)	Himes
Boozman	DeFazio	Hinojosa
Boswell	DeGette	Hirono
Boyd	DeLauro	Hodes
Brady (PA)	Dent	Hoekstra
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Holden
Braley (IA)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Holt
Bright	Dicks	Honda
Broun (GA)	Dingell	Hoyer
Brown (SC)	Doggett	Hunter
Brown-Waite,	Donnelly (IN)	Inglis
Ginny	Driehaus	Inslee
Buchanan	Duncan	Israel
Burgess	Edwards (MD)	Issa
Burton (IN)	Edwards (TX)	Jackson (IL)
Butterfield	Ehlers	Jackson-Lee
Buyer	Ellison	(TX)
Calvert	Ellsworth	Jenkins
Camp	Engel	Johnson (GA)
Campbell	Eshoo	Johnson, E. B.
Cantor	Etheridge	Johnson, Sam
Capito	Fallin	Jones
Capps	Farr	Kagen
Capuano	Fattah	Kanjorski
Cardoza	Filner	Kaptur
Carnahan	Fleming	Kildee