

CUELLAR) for being the lead sponsor of this legislation and offering such a thoughtful and considerate measure in honor of his constituents. With that, let us also pay tribute to the distinguished service of our veterans from the city of Laredo, from the State of Texas and across the Nation by designating the Laredo Post Office in their honor. I urge my colleagues to join me and Representative CUELLAR in supporting H.R. 2325.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Today I urge passage of the bill designating the facility of the United States Postal Service in Laredo, Texas, as the Laredo Veterans Post Office.

Madam Speaker, the deeds, accomplishments and the many services of the individuals of Texas who have served our Armed Forces are written in the archives of American history. Their deeds and these military personnel occupy an important role in our own history; and in this regard, the citizens of Texas and the city of Laredo set a high standard for courage and for service for those of us in this country. Today I ask that we honor these brave Texans for their service and commitment and heroism in defense of America, thus designating the United States post office in Laredo in their honor.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, at this time I would like to yield 5 minutes to the lead sponsor of this legislation, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR).

Mr. CUELLAR. Thank you, Mr. LYNCH. I appreciate the leadership that you've shown not only on this bill but on the committee also. We thank you for the work that you've done. Mr. BILBRAY, thank you also for the work that you've done; and thank you, again, for serving in a bipartisan way on the Oversight Committee.

I rise in support of H.R. 2325 to name the post office at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the Laredo Veterans Post Office. When you look at the history of Texas, the State of Texas, the city of Laredo, you will see that in that history, the veterans have played a very important role.

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The veterans of Laredo, Texas, have served in a very distinguished way in many of the wars we have had. Many of them have sacrificed in World War I, World War II, the Vietnam War and Korea, and in other conflicts we have had, up to the latest war we have.

I think it is only appropriate that we name the post office, which is in front of a plaza where it is also recognized as a way that we have recognized the veterans. It is placed in an appropriate place.

Madam Speaker, I would ask Members to please join me in support of H.R. 2325, where we name the post office at 1300 Matamoros Street after the

brave men and women that we have in Laredo, to be named as the Laredo Veterans Post Office.

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

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I just urge our colleagues to join with Congressman CUELLAR in naming this post office in memory and in honor of our United States and Texas veterans.

With that, I yield back the balance of our time.

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. 2325.

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. Madam 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.

#### KYLE G. WEST POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2422) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 702 East University Avenue in Georgetown, Texas, as the "Kyle G. West Post Office Building", as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2422

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

#### SECTION 1. KILE G. WEST POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Kile G. West 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 "Kile G. West Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, as chairman of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction over the United States Postal Service, I am pleased to present H.R. 2422, as amended, for consideration this afternoon.

The bill before us will designate the United States postal facility located at 702 East University Avenue in Georgetown, Texas, as the "Kyle G. West Post Office Building." Introduced by our colleague Representative JOHN CARTER of Texas on May 14, 2009, and reported out of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee on June 4th, 2009, by unanimous consent, H.R. 2422 enjoys the support of the entire Texas House delegation.

A resident of Hutto, Texas, First Lieutenant Kyle G. West bravely served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the United States Army's 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, out of Fort Hood, Texas.

On Memorial Day, May 28, 2007, First Lieutenant West and four fellow members of his unit were killed in Abu Sayda, Iraq, when their Bradley Fighting Vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. The soldiers had been out on a rescue mission in support of comrades who had been downed in a helicopter.

After graduating in 2001 from Hutto High School in Texas, First Lieutenant West attended Blinn College and subsequently received a degree in business management from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2005.

In pursuit of his lifelong dream to serve in the United States military, First Lieutenant West joined the ROTC program at Stephen F. Austin as a junior, and eventually rose to sergeant in the Texas National Guard out of Lufkin, Texas. Included among Kyle's National Guard duties were assisting in the Columbia shuttle recovery efforts in 2003, as well as serving in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. Kyle was commissioned into the United States Army as a second lieutenant on the eve of his college graduation ceremony and subsequently deployed to Iraq on October 3, 2006.

In addition to his dedication to his unit and his country, Kyle is equally remembered for his devotion to his family and to his friends. As recalled in a May 31, 2007, article in the Austin American-Statesman, Kyle was a devoted son, a protective big brother, and a loyal friend who is still known in his old neighborhood for rounding up friends to take care of a local grackle problem while all the adults were at work.

Mr. Speaker, First Lieutenant Kyle West's life stands as a testament to the bravery and devotion of the heroic men and women who have served and continue to serve our Nation at home and abroad. It is my sincere hope that we can honor this young soldier through the passage of H.R. 2422 and rename the Georgetown, Texas, postal facility as

the Lieutenant Kyle G. West Post Office Building. I urge my colleagues to do the same.

I reserve the balance of our time.

Mr. BILBRAY. 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 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas as the "Kile G. West Post Office Building."

Kile Grant West was born on July 12, 1983, in Pasadena, Texas. He was an all American guy who enjoyed Texas country music, a good barbeque, football, and his friends and family. He was known as a goal orientated individual who from the very early age of four, when he started playing army, knew he wanted to join the military.

Always a team player, he played four sports at Hutto High School where he learned leadership and the ability to succeed in a group.

Lieutenant West attended Blinn Junior College his freshman year and transferred to Stephen F. Austin State University where he joined the SFA ROTC program as a junior and simultaneously became a sergeant in the National Guard in Lufkin.

He was also very active on campus as the secretary of Delta Chi Fraternity where he was asked to serve as president, but he declined to focus on his military career.

After graduating from college in 2005, he was assigned to Fort Hood and was deployed for Iraq on October 3, 2006. While stationed in Iraq, Lieutenant West was promoted to 1st lieutenant on Memorial Day, 2007. Sadly, that was the last day of life for this brave young soldier. During combat action in Abu Sayda, Iraq, Lieutenant West died while attempting to rescue the flight crew of a downed aircraft.

As a result of his heroic actions on that day, May 28th, 2008, he was awarded the Army Bronze Star for Heroism and the Purple Heart.

The citizens of the United States and Lieutenant West's family and friends will forever be proud of this man who stood and fought so bravely for his country. With gratitude for his bravery and sacrifice to his country, I ask all members to join me in supporting H.R. 2422, so his memory, like those who served before him, will not be forgotten.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I reserve my time.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the great State of Texas (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank both of my colleagues for going forward on this resolution today for First Lieutenant Kile G. West.

As has been said, Kile G. West died with four other soldiers on May 28, 2007, in Abu Sayda, Iraq. This happened when an improvised explosive device struck their vehicle.

Kile graduated from Hutto High School in Williamson County, Texas, and went on to achieve the rank of sergeant in the Texas National Guard while serving as a cadet in the ROTC program at Stephen F. Austin University and serving as secretary of the Delta Chi fraternity.

He graduated and took his oath into the United States Army as a second

lieutenant in December of 2005. In January of 2006, Lieutenant West went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for officers training, and then in June of 2006 was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he was a field artillery officer for the 1st Cavalry Division, 3rd Brigade, 6th Squadron, 9th Regiment, Apache Troop. Kile deployed to Iraq on October 4th, 2006, and was promoted to first lieutenant the morning before his death on Memorial Day, May 28, 2007.

On a voluntary rescue mission to save the crew of a downed helicopter, his Bradley was hit by an IED en route to save the pilots. Kile was due home for R&R 2 weeks before his death and 6 weeks before his 24th birthday. Kile received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star among his awards. He was also honored with the Valor Award from his fraternity, Delta Chi.

This young man is one of those many, many American heroes that we have seen go out and stand up for freedom in the name of the United States of America. I would ask that we pass H.R. 2422, naming the post office in Georgetown, Texas, after this young warrior.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I just join with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) for the purpose of supporting this measure which will honor First Lieutenant Kile West.

I yield back the balance of our time. The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). 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. 2422, 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 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, as the 'Kyle G. West Post Office Building'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROY H. BOEHM POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2470) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2470

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

#### SECTION 1. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROY H. BOEHM POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190

Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm 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 "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I stand for the consideration of H.R. 2470, legislation that designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard, FRNT, in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building".

Introduced by Representative THOMAS J. ROONEY on May 18, 2009, and reported out of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee on June 4, 2009, by unanimous consent, H.R. 2470 enjoys the support of Florida's entire House congressional delegation.

A longtime resident of Punta Gorda, Florida, Lieutenant Commander Roy Boehm served with distinction in the United States Navy for over 30 years. Lieutenant Commander Boehm enlisted in the United States Navy in April of 1941 at the age of 17. His subsequent and remarkable Navy career included service in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and resulted in his receipt of nearly 30 military awards, including the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star with Valor Device and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Notably, Lieutenant Commander Boehm's extensive combat experience over the course of three wars led him to determine that highly specialized and diverse training would give his men a significant tactical advantage in the conduct of unconventional warfare. Accordingly, in 1960, Lieutenant Commander Boehm began developing, designing and assembling an elite special operations unit within the United States Navy that would later become known as the Navy SEALs. In fact, Commander Boehm was the first officer in charge of the Navy SEAL team, which is why he became known as the first United States Navy SEAL.

United States Navy Admiral Whitey Taylor acknowledged Lieutenant Commander Boehm's influence on the