

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

SEAL program in a 1997 letter to Boehm where it says, "John F. Kennedy was right. The U.S. Navy SEALs will bear your mark as long as they and the freedom they fight for continues to exist," wrote Admiral Taylor.

In addition to his distinguished military service, Lieutenant Commander Boehm was equally admired for his longstanding support of military veterans within his Punta Gorda community.

Regrettably, Lieutenant Commander Boehm passed away on December 30, 2008, at his Punta Gorda home at the age of 84. It is my hope that we can somehow honor his outstanding legacy and service to our country through the passage of H.R. 2470 and by designating the Port Charlotte Postal Facility on Cochran Boulevard in his honor.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2470.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise today in support of H.R. 2470, legislation to have the United States Post Office Building located at Port Charlotte, Florida, designated as the Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office.

Mr. Speaker, there are many accomplishments that Lieutenant Commander Boehm made as he served this country in many ways, as the gentleman from Massachusetts has pointed out. But for me personally, as somebody who grew up in a neighborhood full of United States SEAL team members, the San Diego area and specifically the Coronado area, I would just like to say that Commander Boehm is going to go down in history as a man who transformed what was the UDT, basically the Underwater Demolition Team, transformed that concept into what we know today as the SEALs.

I think today that we need to take this action not just for the commander, but for the men that serve every day as SEAL team members out there that you will not hear about. But their deeds are great and many. But we don't hear about them, mostly because so many of them are covert.

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I have to say that from everything, from saving the victims of piracy to defending our camps around the world, the SEALs have proven their value to this country. Commander Boehm made this possible, and I think that is why it's so appropriate that we join today in naming this post office. Today the Navy SEALs are known around the world, but when the commander started, nobody even hardly knew what a UDT member was. And largely because of Commander Boehm, we can thank the entire service that we know now today as the SEALs.

I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in honoring Commander Boehm by recognizing his many life achievements, his valor, his contribution to the armed services of the

United States and, particularly, through his participation in the creation of that group the world knows as the United States Navy SEALs.

I reserve my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers on this. I continue to reserve our time.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, at this time I will yield back the remainder of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. I thank the gentleman from California for his words in support of this measure.

I also want to thank Congressman ROONEY for being the lead sponsor here, the gentleman from Florida.

In closing, I again urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Lieutenant Commander Roy Boehm for his good work through the passage of H.R. 2470.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I think it is appropriate that my first bill to be considered on the House floor is to honor a distinguished veteran who passed away in December of last year. Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Roy Boehm was a true American hero and long-time resident of Punta Gorda, FL which I am honored to represent.

Mr. Boehm was a retired Navy Lt. Commander and was the first officer in charge of SEAL Team 2, one of the original Navy SEAL teams. Many would say that he was the first SEAL.

H.R. 2470 names the post office located at 19190 Cochran Blvd. in Port Charlotte after Lieutenant Commander Boehm. LCDR Boehm enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and fought during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In 1942, he participated in the Battle of Cape Esperance and Guadalcanal during WWII. He also was involved in action in Kerama Reto and Okinawa.

During his service, LCDR Boehm obtained qualifications in deep sea diving, deep submergence rescue chamber operator for submarine rescue, experimental diving, and salvage diving. He graduated from both Airborne and Ranger Training.

In 1961, under orders from President Kennedy LCDR Boehm developed and launched the Navy's elite Sea, Air, and Land forces unit known as the SEALs. LCDR Roy Boehm set the standard for the Navy SEALs of today and he is missed.

Mr. LYNCH. 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. 2470.

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. BILBRAY. 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.

## RECOGNIZING HILLEL FOUNDATION

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 493) recognizing the significant contributions of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life to college campus communities in the United States and around the world.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

### H. RES. 493

Whereas Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life was founded at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1923 and has become the world's largest Jewish campus organization, serving Jewish college students on over 500 campuses across the globe;

Whereas Hillel has been an important partner to universities by providing resources, programs, and other forms of support to the entire campus community;

Whereas Hillel has been at the forefront of breaking down discriminatory barriers to students of all backgrounds on college campuses for 85 years;

Whereas Hillel has contributed to the Nation's preeminence in science, industry, and the humanities by helping generations of students attain the dream of higher education;

Whereas Hillel has contributed to United States history by providing armed service personnel with counseling prior to World War II, welcoming GIs back to campus following the war, and sponsoring European refugees on campuses during and after the war, including the late Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Tom Lantos;

Whereas Hillel has educated students about American values and has helped them to provide leadership for social justice causes, including the civil rights movement, the campaign to free Soviet Jewry, the effort to stop the genocide in Darfur, and the promotion of AIDS Awareness and interfaith understanding;

Whereas Hillel has been at the forefront of educating campuses about Israel, an ally of the United States;

Whereas Hillel has helped to provide students with the tools to combat anti-Semitism on campus; and

Whereas Hillel continues to contribute enormously to civil society by providing service-learning opportunities for thousands of students in the United States and abroad: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports Hillel's mission of service to Jewish college students and partnership with the campus community; and

(2) congratulates the students, lay leaders, and professionals of the Hillel movement on reaching its milestone 85th birthday.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands (Mr. SABLAN) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands.

### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 493 into the RECORD.