

bill to designate a memorial in honor of the over 150,000 current and former members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

When this bill is enacted, a memorial under construction at March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, will be designated as the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial. This designation honors these patriots and does not require or permit any expenditure of any Federal funds.

Mr. Speaker, I would yield such time as he may consume to the bill's sponsor, my friend from California (Mr. CALVERT).

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2788, a bill to designate a National Distinguished Flying Cross Memorial in Riverside, California. I'm honored to represent the Inland Empire chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, which is the primary sponsor of the memorial.

Last June, I introduced H.R. 2788, which would designate a memorial which is currently under construction at March Field Air Museum as the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial. It honors all current and former members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The bill has strong bipartisan support from both the committee and with 48 cosponsors. The legislation is supported by the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, the Military Officers Association of America, the Air Force Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Association of Naval Aviation, the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, and the China-Burma-India Veterans Association.

I would like to point out language in the bill that specifically states that the designation shall not be construed to require or permit Federal funds to be expended for any purpose related to a national memorial. Funds have been and will continue to be raised through private means for these purposes.

Distinguished Flying Cross recipients have received the prestigious medal for their heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Armed Forces. There are many people who have played a vital role in the history of military aviation and have received this award. This renowned group includes Captain Charles L. Lindbergh, former President George H.W. Bush, Brigadier General Jimmy Doolittle, General Curtis LeMay, Senator McCain, Jimmy Stewart, and Admiral Jim Stockdale, just to name a few.

The March Air Reserve Base, which hosts the C-17As of the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, is adjacent to the location of the memorial at the March Field Air Museum. When completed, visitors will be able to witness active operational air units providing support to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, which is an appropriate setting that honors

the many aviators who have distinguished themselves by deeds performed in aerial flight.

I would like to thank those who worked tirelessly to make sure this memorial is built and is properly designated in honor of the distinguished aviators that have served this great Nation. In particular, I would like to recognize Jim Chaplin, with the loving support of his wife, Trish, who just recently passed away, who have been instrumental in this effort.

Again, I hope you will join me in supporting the designation of the National Flying Cross Memorial at March Field Air Museum and H.R. 2788.

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say the Distinguished Flying Cross was also awarded to William Pittman for his service in flying B-29s in the Pacific during World War II. His daughter, Lisa, sits next to me staffing this bill today.

I yield back the balance of our time. Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I again urge Members to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2788.

The question was taken.

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

Ms. BORDALLO. 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.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am just wondering, which Members did you count standing on the floor a moment ago?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair's count in support of the yeas and nays is not subject to appeal.

□ 1530

ALPINE LAKES WILDERNESS ADDITIONS AND PRATT AND MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE RIVERS PROTECTION ACT

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1769) to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1769

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act".

SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ALPINE LAKES WILDERNESS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—There is designated as wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System certain Federal land in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in the State of Washington comprising approximately 22,173 acres that is within the Proposed Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions Boundary, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Proposed Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions" and dated December 3, 2009, which is incorporated in and shall be considered to be a part of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) *MANAGEMENT.*—Subject to valid existing rights, the land designated as wilderness by subsection (a) shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the "Secretary"), in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any reference in that Act to the effective date of that Act shall be considered to be a reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file a map and a legal description of the land designated as wilderness by subsection (a) with—

(i) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

(ii) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(B) *FORCE OF LAW.*—A map and legal description filed under subparagraph (A) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct minor errors in the map and legal description.

(C) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.*—The map and legal description filed under subparagraph (A) shall be filed and made available for public inspection in the appropriate office of the Forest Service.

(c) *INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND.*—Any land or interests in land within the Proposed Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions Boundary, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Proposed Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions" and dated December 3, 2009, that is acquired by the United States shall—

(1) become part of the wilderness area; and

(2) be managed in accordance with subsection (b)(1).

SEC. 3. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"() MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON.—The 27.4-mile segment from the headwaters of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River near La Bohn Gap in NE ¼ sec. 20, T. 24 N., R. 13 E., to the northern boundary of sec. 11, T. 23 N., R. 9 E., to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in the following classifications:

"(A) The approximately 6.4-mile segment from the headwaters of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River near La Bohn Gap in NE ¼ sec. 20, T. 24 N., R. 13 E., to the west section line of sec. 3, T. 23 N., R. 12 E., as a wild river.

"(B) The approximately 21-mile segment from the west section line of sec. 3, T. 23 N., R. 12 E., to the northern boundary of sec. 11, T. 23 N., R. 9 E., as a scenic river.

"() PRATT RIVER, WASHINGTON.—The entirety of the Pratt River in the State of Washington, located in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie

National Forest, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1769, sponsored by Representative DAVE REICHERT of Washington, would expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness area and designate two rivers as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The Alpine Lakes Wilderness area, originally designated by Congress in 1976, sits 45 minutes east of downtown Seattle and has become one of the most visited wilderness areas in the country.

The proposed wilderness additions are low elevation lands that provide important habitat for wildlife when high elevation lands are covered by snow. Elk, deer, cougars, and bobcats live in the mountain valleys that comprise the proposed wilderness additions.

Mr. Speaker, we support passage of H.R. 1769, and we urge its adoption by the House today.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, in a moment, I'm going to yield time to DAVE REICHERT, the lead sponsor and proponent of this legislation, but before doing so, I want to recognize what a diligent and persuasive advocate DAVE REICHERT has been for this bill. He developed it by working closely with local leaders. He introduced it and has gained the support of Washington State's two Democratic Senators.

While the bill does not take the approach that I personally believe is best for protecting our Federal forests and public lands, this bill only affects lands in Washington State's Eighth Congressional District, which DAVE REICHERT has been elected to represent.

Due to the leadership and hard work of Mr. REICHERT, this bill was advanced out of the Natural Resources Committee, and I fully expect it will pass the full House of Representatives today.

So to my friend and colleague from Washington State, I offer my congratulations on his success, and I yield him whatever time he may consume.

Mr. REICHERT. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I am proud to stand here today on behalf of my constituents and my com-

munity throughout the region of western Washington, and especially those working hard in the Eighth District, to finally bring this legislation to the floor today. I just happen to be the conduit to bring this legislation to the United States House of Representatives, so all the hard work was really done by the people who live in our region.

The Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act is the product of teamwork, 3 years of careful collaboration, consultation, and consensus building with local stakeholders. Since 2007, we've worked with scores of local officials, conservation enthusiasts, recreation groups, public safety advocates, and parties interested in land use issues to develop this bipartisan proposal.

And I would like to particularly thank King County Councilman Reagan Dunn, whose mother actually held this seat prior to my arrival here, who has always worked tirelessly throughout the State of Washington, and especially in our western Washington area, for our environment.

I thank the community for taking the long view and for not letting politics get in the way of doing what's right for Washington State. Because of these efforts, we will have a spectacular wild area to leave behind for our children and grandchildren to use and enjoy.

H.R. 1769 builds on the proud Washington State tradition pioneered by Senators Warren Magnuson, Scoop Jackson, and Dan Evans, who have all worked together over the years to protect our public lands and preserve our recreational opportunities for all Washingtonians.

This bill also builds on another important Washington State tradition, that of collaborative consensus-based, environmental stewardship. And I want to thank Senator PATTY MURRAY for introducing companion legislation on the Senate side.

My bill provides a unique opportunity to permanently protect key additions to the existing Alpine Lakes Wilderness, which reaches the crest of the Cascade Mountains just east of the Seattle-Bellevue metropolitan area in my district. It also preserves wildlife habitats, existing recreational opportunities, and local economies that rely on both.

Alpine Lakes was first designated by Congress in 1976, and it's one of the most visited and most popular wilderness areas in our country. My legislation embraces important lower elevation lands, completes watersheds, protects two rivers with wild and scenic designations, and provides clean water and flood control for the valleys those rivers run through.

The proposed additions have been carefully crafted, taking into consideration existing recreational opportunities for hiking, camping, rafting, kayaking, horseback riding, mountain

biking, and wildlife viewing, also taking care to protect a large area to preserve for hunting and fishing opportunities.

These additions my bill makes to this Alpine Lakes Wilderness area do not infringe on any private property issues and will not cost the Federal taxpayers a single cent.

I hope today that we realize that protecting this wilderness will serve our future generations. And as a grandfather—now as my staff wrote this thing and I'm reading through part of this bill today, I noticed in this sentence right here they have shortened my life a little bit, because they have said that I won't have the opportunity to see my great-grandchildren enjoy this wilderness area. I have a 15-year-old grandson, so I'm hoping in the next, maybe, 10 years or so, I might be able to watch my great-grandchild walk through this park.

I've had the opportunity to work with, again, as I said, all the people in our community, and it's just a joy to take my grandchildren today, my sons and daughters before that, walking through the wilderness, looking at wildlife and seeing the excitement in their eyes as they see wildlife pass right in front of them in some of our wilderness areas in Washington State. So, this wilderness area will be right in the backyard of Bellevue and Seattle, 40, 45 minutes away.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation today.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LANCE).

Mr. LANCE. I thank the gentleman from California and the gentlelady from Guam.

Madam Speaker, I certainly rise in support of the legislation under discussion. I also rise today as a proud cosponsor of H.R. 2788, the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act.

The creation of a memorial to honor Distinguished Flying Cross medal recipients is long overdue. These brave men and women are being honored for their heroic and extraordinary achievements during flight.

This diverse group of service men and women includes pilots from all five military branches and veterans from every U.S. military conflict from World War I to the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. I'm honored to represent several of these heroes who have received the Distinguished Flying Cross medal.

One of the awardees is James Pressman of Clark, New Jersey. Born in Elizabeth and raised in Rahway, Mr. Pressman served as a U.S. Army pilot and has been decorated with three Distinguished Flying Crosses for his valiant efforts.

In 1967, he graduated from the Army ROTC program at Rutgers University, where he was enrolled in the Army

flight program. Upon graduation, Mr. Pressman attended Infantry Officer Basic School and Flight School and then served in Vietnam from March 1969 to March 1970.

Mr. Pressman flew UH-1H helicopters as a member of C Troop in the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry of the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Phuoc Vinh, Vietnam. After safely returning home, he taught for a year as a flight instructor at Fort Wolters, Texas. Once Mr. Pressman retired from the Army, he served 6 years in the Army National Guard in Westfield, New Jersey.

Mr. Pressman resides in Clark as a retired real estate agent and substitute history teacher at Westfield and Arthur L. Johnson high schools. It is my privilege, Madam Speaker, to recognize him today along with all of the other courageous servicemen and -women who have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

I thank the sponsor of the legislation, Congressman KEN CALVERT of California, as well as the chairman and ranking member of the Natural Resources Committee, for bringing this legislation to the floor.

With that, I encourage all of my colleagues to vote for passage of the legislation.

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

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. BOSWELL) such time as he may consume. And before he begins, I would like to mention that he is a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr. BOSWELL. I do rise in support.

I understand you had the debate, but I would feel remiss if I didn't make a few comments for my fellow airmen that have served and serve with great distinction.

It has probably been said, but Congress established the Distinguished Flying Cross 80 years ago, and today it is America's oldest military aviation award. The medal was created to symbolize sacrifice and heroism.

I applaud Mr. CALVERT for introducing this legislation, which will finally give Distinguished Flying Cross recipients the national recognition they deserve. Many may know that I served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, including a couple tours in Vietnam. I had the opportunity to serve with many great aviators who were also awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

I was truly honored to not only serve with these aviators but, in some cases, to supervise them. I had the opportunity to recommend brave individuals for the Distinguished Flying Cross. Their heroism and valor oftentimes inspired me and kept me going in the face of adversity.

This bill today honors my fellow aviators I served with during my 20 years, in addition to the men and women who now are protecting us in the skies domestically and abroad. My experience in the Army has a strong influence on

me and added to many positives in the rest of my life.

When I look back at that time, I remember those I served with who gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country, those who served and gave their lives for our freedom. And I feel honored I had the opportunity to serve. Because of this experience, I truly relish what a tremendous gift and what a privilege it is to be an American.

Today I am extremely pleased to honor those aviators and all aviators. I strongly urge my colleagues to join in supporting H.R. 2788.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I again urge Members to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1769, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REVISING BOUNDARIES OF GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4395) to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4395

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

SECTION 1. GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK BOUNDARY REVISION.

Section 1 of the Act titled "An Act to revise the boundary of the Gettysburg National Military Park in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes", approved August 17, 1990 (16 U.S.C. 430g-4), is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) ADDITIONAL LAND.—In addition to the land identified in subsections (a) and (b), the park shall also include the following, as depicted on the map titled 'Gettysburg National Military Park Proposed Boundary Addition', numbered 305/80,045 and dated January 2010:

"(1) The land and interests in land commonly known as the 'Gettysburg Train Station' and its immediate surroundings in the Borough of Gettysburg.

"(2) The land and interests in land located along Plum Run in Cumberland Township."

SEC. 2. ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF LAND.

Section 2 of that Act (16 U.S.C. 430g-5) is amended by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following: "The Secretary is also authorized to acquire publicly owned property within the area defined in section 1(d)(1) by purchase, from willing sellers only, if efforts to acquire that property without cost have been exhausted. The Secretary may not acquire property within the area defined in section 1(d) by eminent domain."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from

Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

□ 1545

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, H.R. 4395, introduced by Representative TODD PLATTS of Pennsylvania, would authorize a boundary change at Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station. Madam Speaker, it was here that President Lincoln arrived to honor the war dead on the field of battle and deliver the address that would forever define the Civil War as a battle for the freedom and the rights of all Americans.

Under the proposed legislation, the National Park Service would take over management of the train station from the Borough of Gettysburg, and community partners would staff it. The bill would also expand the park boundaries to include additional historic lands and would add protections for the resources of this hallowed site.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 4395 has broad bipartisan support, and we urge its adoption by the House today.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

The legislation allows the National Park Service to accept the donation of a small parcel of land that will allow it to better interpret the historic battle for which the park was created. It also authorizes the Park Service to purchase the historic train depot where Abraham Lincoln arrived and departed from his historic visit in 1863.

I am told that there was a time when that historic train depot served as a pizza parlor. Today, it serves a much more fitting role as a museum, and under this measure the Park Service will take over its operation.

I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman, Mr. PLATTS, the author of the measure.

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding. And I certainly rise in support today of H.R. 4395, a bill to extend the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park. I am honored to have introduced this legislation and certainly appreciate the support of the chairman and ranking member of the Natural Resources Committee in moving this bill to the floor.

Madam Speaker, Gettysburg is a unique and very special place. When I