

The new herb garden opened in the spring of 2010 and is the first of several new and re-imagined gardens to come. The Visitor Center, currently under construction, will be an extraordinary demonstration of what can be achieved through environmentally sensitive design and will help the garden better welcome its growing audience. A series of exciting projects will continue to unfold over the next several years in response to the urgent call for beauty and renewal in urban life and for environmental stewardship at all levels of society.

As a Brooklyn native, for years I have seen how this dynamic institution has educated people of all diverse urban neighborhoods about the importance of enhancing the quality of their surroundings through the cultivation and enjoyment of plants. It has done an outstanding job of bringing public awareness to the importance of sustaining our environment and providing access to the tools and ways in which we can conserve and protect it.

I urge anyone who has the chance to visit the garden and witness firsthand the abundance of breathtaking plant life that resides in the middle of Brooklyn. All of us in Brooklyn appreciate the role that the Brooklyn Botanic Garden plays in our lives, and we look forward to continuing the enjoyment of this beautiful institution. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden is truly a national treasure.

This recognition is well deserved, and I urge my colleagues to join me in passing this very important legislation.

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD).

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Let me thank the gentlelady for yielding this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today for two reasons. First, to offer my support for H.R. 1428, the measure that was offered by the gentlelady from Brooklyn, New York (Ms. CLARKE). That is a resolution recognizing the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on its 100th anniversary. That is a good resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise today in support of H. Res. 1475, which was a resolution that I offered some months ago. Unfortunately, I was not on the floor a few moments ago when this matter was taken up, and I regret that I was not here at that very moment. But I wanted to come to the floor now to offer my strong support for H. Res. 1475, which is a resolution congratulating the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary. I introduced this resolution in June of this year, with 54 original cosponsors, including the entire North Carolina House delegation. I thank my North Carolina colleagues for their very strong support.

Most people, Mr. Speaker, may not know about Tarboro, North Carolina,

or the tremendous impact the town made on the history of our State and Nation.

On November 30, 1760, the North Carolina General Assembly approved the charter for the town, and Tarboro was born, making it the 11th oldest colonial town in our State. President George Washington visited the town during an historic visit through the South in 1791, choosing to overnight in this small town. Settled as a trading post on the Tar River in the mid 18th century, Tarboro thrived as a river port.

Mr. Speaker, Tarboro was also an early political incubator and produced two Congressmen who both represented the Second Congressional District of North Carolina in this House.

Congressman George H. White was elected to Congress in 1897 and served until 1901. He was the last Reconstruction-era African American from the South to serve in Congress until the 1970s. Rising racial tension made it impossible for George H. White to win a third term in Congress. His final speech before his congressional colleagues right here on this House floor has inspired Americans for over 100 years. He said, and I quote: "This, Mr. Chairman, is perhaps the Negroes' temporary farewell to the American Congress, but let me say, Phoenix-like, he will rise up someday and come again." That statement was made right in this Chamber.

Congressman L.H. Fountain served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1953 until 1983. He is remembered for being a stalwart advocate for small towns such as Tarboro during his service in the House.

Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staffs, Retired General Hugh Shelton of the United States Army, who served in that position under President Bill Clinton, was born in Tarboro and reared in the neighboring town of Speed, where he continues to live today.

Today, Mr. Speaker, Tarboro is home to some 11,000 residents. They are my constituents. Its ideal location on the banks of the Tar River historically served as a thriving river port and trading post, and today offers extensive fishing, boating, and recreation for people of all ages.

Tarboro's downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, where many original structures are still in use today, including restaurants and theaters and quaint shops, and even the home of Congressman George H. White and the home of Congressman L.H. Fountain. Its town commons joins Boston, Massachusetts, as the only original remaining town common on the East Coast. The town continues to grow and evolve while maintaining its connection to history and originality.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent this town. It is indeed an historic day for the residents of Tarboro, and I sincerely congratulate the town on the occasion of its 250th anniversary. I am

pleased that the House is considering this resolution. I urge my colleagues to vote "aye" when it is presented for a vote.

Again, I would like to thank the gentlelady and I also would like to thank my friend Mr. BILBRAY from California for their courtesy.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to lend my support for H. Res. 1428, which seeks to recognize Brooklyn Botanic Garden on its 100th anniversary, as the preeminent horticultural attraction in the borough of Brooklyn, and its longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship and education for the City of New York.

Built from a site that functioned as an ash dump in the 1800s, the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens have become a preeminent example of the finest urban gardening, and a model for environmental stewardship.

The Brooklyn Botanic Gardens prides itself on a strong commitment to education, community outreach, and scientific research. Programs like Project Green Reach and the Garden Apprentice Program provide a science-focused educational program for over 2,500 K-12 participants annually from Brooklyn's public Title I schools. The program provides youth with unique, hands-on opportunities for personal growth and career development, through learning about science, ecology, and the environment in their classrooms, in their neighborhoods, and right at the Garden.

Its 52 acres in the heart of Brooklyn, New York serves as a premier environmental education site for New York City's youth, a getaway for the 730,000 annual visitors, and an exquisite recreational spot for New Yorkers.

I commend the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens for its numerous achievements over the last 100 years, and I wish them luck over the next century as it continues to serve the community.

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

Ms. NORTON. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1428.

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. NORTON. 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.

SERGEANT ROBERT BARRETT POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5758) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the "Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5758

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

SECTION 1. SERGEANT ROBERT BARRETT POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, shall be known and designated as the “Sergeant Robert Barrett 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 Robert Barrett Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. 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 gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. I now yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5758. This measure designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building.

H.R. 5758 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts, Representative BARNEY FRANK, on July 15, 2010. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered it reported favorably by unanimous consent on July 28, 2010, and enjoys the support of the entire Massachusetts delegation to the House.

Sergeant Robert Barrett was a member of the 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery Regiment of Fall River. He had served as a commanding officer in his high school's junior ROTC and was head of its honor guard.

After graduating, he enlisted in the Army National Guard. He served in the honor guard for a time, including at the inauguration of President Obama, as a member of the Massachusetts National Honor Guard's volunteer regiment.

Sergeant Barrett was stationed as a part of a 15-member embedded training team training an Afghan battalion. While on patrol south of Kabul International Airport, Sergeant Barrett was killed by a suicide bomber in an attack that also injured eight others in his battalion. He was 20 years old.

Sergeant Barrett is survived by his parents, Paul and Carlene Barrett; his older sister Rebecca; and his 2-year-old daughter Sophie Alexandra.

Mr. Speaker, let us now take time to honor the service of Sergeant Barrett through the passage of H.R. 5758, which will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, in his name. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the passage of this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5758 and strongly request support for it.

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to the sponsor of the legislation, my colleague from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK).

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman. I should note that I am speaking on behalf of myself and my colleague with whom I share the honor of representing the city of Fall River, Mr. MCGOVERN, who is at a doctor's appointment now. But he fully joins in these sentiments.

First, I want to thank the committee. As the gentlewoman noted, this bill was introduced at the request of the city government of Fall River in July of this year, so this is very prompt action by the committee, and I appreciate both sides moving so quickly.

As the gentlewoman reported, Sergeant Barrett was a 20-year-old patriotic American with a 2-year-old daughter and a loving family. I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, because I attended this funeral, as I have tried to attend the funeral of every one of our service people killed in one of our wars, that he was widely respected, admired and in many cases loved by the people of the city of Fall River. There was great sadness in the city when the news came of his death in the service of his country and when the funeral was held. His high school classmates were deeply grieved by the loss of someone they greatly admired.

I was glad to respond when the city very appropriately asked that we name this post office in his honor. It is a central facility. As the address says, it is the Government Center. It is virtually adjacent to the city hall in Fall River. It is at the center of the town, right at the end of one of our great bridges, the Braga Bridge, which spans the Taunton River. Anybody who drives from anywhere outside of Massachusetts to Cape Cod will drive along that road and will get to see this post office, and I hope will be reminded of the extraordinary sacrifice that the young father, son and brother made on behalf of this country.

So I want to again express my appreciation to the committee and send again my condolences to Sergeant Barrett's family and friends.

It is a sobering moment, Mr. Speaker. I will say this. I have tried, as I know many Members do, to attend, if

it is at all possible, the funeral of those killed in our service. It is sometimes necessary for a Nation to go to war, there is no question about it. There is in the world evil that must be confronted. In Afghanistan, it was an evil that led to the murder of thousands of innocent Americans and hundreds of innocent Africans a few years before at the hands of a murderous thug named Osama bin Laden. But being reminded of the inevitable consequences of going to war, the death of among our best young people and the pain it inflicts on those who survive them, that is a very important part of the education we need to get.

So I will continue. I hope there won't be many more instances, but I will continue whenever I can, if there is a death of someone in the district I represent, to attend, to be reminded that war is both necessary and terrible. We will do it when we have to, but we should always be aware of those consequences.

Again, to those who survive Sergeant Barrett, there is nothing we can do to replace the enormous loss you have suffered with the death of this wonderful young man, but I hope you will know that your country at least understands the depth of that loss and appreciates it.

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5758.

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. NORTON. 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.

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COMMENDING BOB SHEPPARD

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1529) commending Bob Sheppard for his long and respected career as the public-address announcer for the New York Yankees and the New York Giants.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1529

Whereas Bob Sheppard served as the public-address announcer for the New York Yankees from opening day in 1951 through 2007; if