

States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building."

Madam Speaker, it is altogether fitting and proper that we name this post office in Jamaica Plain for a true American hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Born August 5, 1984, Alexander Scott Arredondo graduated from Blue Hills Regional Technical School in Canton, Massachusetts, in the year 2002. He joined the Marine Corps and was assigned to the 1 Marine Expeditionary Force based out of Camp Pendleton, California. He was deployed to Iraq and served his first tour of duty in 2003, which lasted 9 months. In June, 2004, Lance Corporal Arredondo was deployed back to Iraq. Sadly, Madam Speaker, Lance Corporal Arredondo died in Najaf, Iraq, defending freedom and protecting our Nation.

At only 20 years old, Lance Corporal Arredondo was on his second tour of duty supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, proving this young man's bravery, courage, and dedication. He is truly an American hero, and I urge all Members to join us in support of this bill.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the chief sponsor of the legislation, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. CAPUANO).

Mr. CAPUANO. I thank the gentleman for yielding. I also want to thank the committee for putting this bill out.

Lance Corporal Arredondo was a recipient of the Navy Cross with combat V and a Purple Heart. He was nominated for the Bronze Star, and he gave his life for this country on August 25, 2004. As you heard, he was on his second tour of duty in Iraq.

I just want to read a paragraph that was written about one of his actions, his last action, by a lieutenant general that I think sums up what his own colleagues, his other Marines, thought of him.

"On August 25, 2004, Lance Corporal Arredondo gallantly performed the duties of a fire team leader while fighting enemy forces in the old city of Najaf. While moving with his squad to attack and clear a two-story building, the platoon became heavily engaged at close ranges by enemy small arms, machine gun, and RPG fire. He never hesitated as he led his Marines under intense fire through the building, personally clearing rooms and assuming the greatest risk as grenade explosions raised an impenetrable cloud of dust and dirt in each room.

"Lance Corporal Arredondo led his Marines clearing the objective in a superb manner, never slowing down and never showing any fear. After the exhausting attack, when the platoon had gained control of the building, Lance Corporal Arredondo personally em-

placed his marines in an exemplary manner while setting up a defense and preparing for further engagements with the enemy.

"After his fire team was set in defense, Lance Corporal Arredondo was shot and mortally wounded by a sniper as he walked the line checking his marines. Lance Corporal Arredondo fought alongside his fellow marines and displayed the highest levels of courage and selflessness during the three weeks of fighting in Najaf. He gave his life fighting for freedom and defending his fellow marines."

That was not written by me or my staff. That was written by his commander. I think that that alone, that one paragraph, clearly underscores exactly what kind of a person Lance Corporal Arredondo was. For a man to give his life at such a young and tender age is an incredible thing, and I am proud—and I want to be very clear, this is the first time I have been here on something like this. I don't take this lightly at all this. This is not just naming another thing after another person. This particular one is very important to me, to my constituents, and to his family because of the service he rendered for this country, because of the fact that he gave his life fighting for our freedom and our rights. I just want to say thank you to the committee again for bringing this bill to the floor, and thank you to the people who have supported this bill.

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

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5877.

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. CLAY. 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.

NATIONAL MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 771) supporting the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 771

Whereas mesothelioma is a terminal, asbestos-related cancer that affects the linings of the lungs, abdomen, heart, or testicles;

Whereas workers exposed on a daily basis over a long period of time are most at risk, but even short-term exposures can cause the disease and an exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can result in mesothelioma 20–50 years later;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of virtually all office buildings, public schools, and homes built before 1975 and asbestos is still on the United States market in over 3,000 products;

Whereas there is no known safe level of exposure to asbestos;

Whereas millions of workers in the United States have been, and continue to be, exposed to dangerous levels of asbestos;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health reported to Congress in 2006 that mesothelioma is a difficult disease to detect, diagnose, and treat;

Whereas the National Cancer Institute recognizes a clear need for new agents to improve the outlook for patients with mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases;

Whereas for decades, the need to develop treatments for mesothelioma was overlooked and today, even the best available treatments usually have only a very limited effect and the expected survival time of those diagnosed with the disease is between 8 and 14 months;

Whereas mesothelioma has claimed the lives of such heroes and public servants as Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, Jr., and Congressman Bruce F. Vento, and a high percentage of today's mesothelioma victims were exposed to asbestos while serving in the United States Navy;

Whereas it is believed that many of the firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers from Ground Zero on September 11, 2001, may be at increased risk of contracting mesothelioma in the future;

Whereas the establishment of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day would raise public awareness of the disease and of the need to develop treatments and enhance public awareness for it; and

Whereas cities and localities across the country are recognizing September 26 as Mesothelioma Awareness Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Mesothelioma Awareness Day; and

(2) urges the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States, Federal departments and agencies, States, localities, organizations, and media to annually observe a National Mesothelioma Awareness day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. 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 Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. CLAY. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of House Resolution 771, a bill supporting the goals and ideals of National Mesothelioma Awareness Day. This resolution will

raise awareness of this often fatal disease. House Res. 771 was introduced by our colleague, the gentlewoman from Minnesota, Representative BETTY MCCOLLUM on September 24, 2009. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform which ordered it reported favorably on July 15, 2010. It comes to the floor today with the support of over 50 cosponsors.

Madam Speaker, mesothelioma is a very difficult cancer to detect, diagnose, and treat. Though relatively rare, with about 2,000 new cases diagnosed each year, those diagnosed with mesothelioma have an expected survival time of only 8 to 14 months.

Exposure to asbestos is the major risk factor for mesothelioma. A history of asbestos exposure in the workplace is reported in 70 to 80 percent of cases. Asbestos was a common building material before 1975 and is still found in over 3,000 products that are on the market today. An exposure for as little as 1 month may lead to a diagnoses of mesothelioma decades later.

Madam Speaker, mesothelioma is a serious and difficult-to-control form of cancer, and there is much work to be done to find new treatment options. Let us now show our support for the awareness of the disease and need for these treatment options through the passage of House Resolution 771. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting it.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise today in support of H. Res. 771, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day. It is a terrible disease, form of cancer, debilitating ailment that is terminal. Madam Speaker, many all over the world have suffered and died from this disease, including a former Member of this body.

Bruce F. Vento, a Member who I served with for 19 years died of mesothelioma in the year 2000. He represented Minnesota's Fourth District for 12 terms until his death. I still remember the last time I spoke to Mr. Vento. He was in the back rail there close to the Democratic Cloakroom.

So I strongly support and thank the gentleman and gentlelady from Minnesota for offering this and urge all Members to support it.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in support of this measure.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 771.

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. CLAY. 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.

COLONEL GEORGE JUSKALIAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6392) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5003 Westfields Boulevard in Centreville, Virginia, as the "Colonel George Juskalian Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6392

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

SECTION 1. COLONEL GEORGE JUSKALIAN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5003 Westfields Boulevard in Centreville, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Colonel George Juskalian 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 "Colonel George Juskalian Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. 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 Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. CLAY. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to present H.R. 6392, legislation that designates the U.S. Postal Service facility located at 5003 Westfield Boulevard in Centreville, Virginia, as the "Colonel George Juskalian Post Office Building." Introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Virginia, Representative FRANK WOLF, on September 29, 2010, H.R. 6392 enjoys the support of Virginia's entire delegation to the House.

Colonel Juskalian served with high distinction in the U.S. Army for nearly 30 years, which included service in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Colonel Juskalian survived the hardships of being a German prisoner of war, enduring nearly 3 years in Nazi POW camps. For his bravery and heroism throughout this ordeal and his later service in Korea and Vietnam,

Colonel Juskalian earned two Silver Stars and four Bronze Stars for actions in combat.

After leaving the military, Colonel Juskalian continued to serve his Virginia community until his death at the age of 96. As a retired veteran, Colonel Juskalian volunteered to help mentor and educate youth throughout the Fairfax County, Virginia, school district.

In closing, Madam Speaker, let us now pay tribute to Colonel Juskalian's outstanding service and legacy to our country and to his community through the passage of H.R. 6392 and designate the Centreville, Virginia, postal facility on Westfields Boulevard in his honor, a true American hero. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 6392.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WOLF. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I introduced this legislation to commemorate the life of my constituent, the late Army Colonel George Juskalian, by dedicating the post office of Centreville, Virginia, as the "Colonel George Juskalian Post Office Building."

The colonel was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He passed away this past July 4 at the age of 96, and he served our Nation for nearly 30 years on active duty, including campaigns in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

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He joined the United States Army in 1939 and was called to active duty as a first lieutenant in 1940 and served with distinction in World War II. During this time, he was captured by the Germans in Tunisia and spent 27 months in prisoner of war camps in Italy, Germany, and Poland.

Colonel Juskalian was in General Eisenhower's secretariat in the Pentagon between 1945 and 1948, and was an adviser to the Imperial Iranian Army in Tehran. He also served our Nation with distinction in France and on the home front, retiring with the rank of colonel in 1967. Awards he received include the Army's highest award, the Legion of Merit, for noncombat service, as well as the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Medal, and the Parachutist Badge, and the combat Infantry Badge with a Star awarded for World War II and the Korean War.

He learned the value of community service at an early age from his parents, who were at the forefront of Armenians immigrating to this country and who worked to establish the Armenian Church in the United States.

The colonel was a longtime resident of Centreville and remained actively involved in his community until his death through organizations such as the Armenian Assembly of America, American Legion Post 1995, and the Blue and Gray Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8469. Many knew the colonel through his volunteer work at local schools.