

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. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

OFFICER JOHN MAGUIRE POST OFFICE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1412) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1412

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

SECTION 1. OFFICER JOHN MAGUIRE POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, shall be known and designated as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office".

(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 "Officer John Maguire Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within 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 gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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

S. 1412, introduced by Senator JOHN KERRY of Massachusetts, would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office." The bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent on October 20 and was reported favorably by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on November 3.

Madam Speaker, John Maguire was born and raised in Woburn, Massachu-

setts, growing up in a home where his father was chief of police in Woburn for 15 years. After graduating from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Officer Maguire was sworn in as a Woburn police officer by his own father in June of 1977. Wearing badge No. 23, which had been his father's badge number, Officer Maguire worked for over three decades as a tireless public servant, protecting the people of Woburn.

On December 26 of last year, three armed men went into a department store in Woburn and proceeded to steal money and jewelry. Arriving on the scene to back up his fellow officers, Officer Maguire used his cruiser to block the gunmen who were fleeing on foot from the store. Exiting his vehicle, Officer Maguire and one of the suspects exchanged gunfire. Officer Maguire was able to kill the suspect; but, tragically, he was mortally wounded himself. Officer Maguire had celebrated his 60th birthday just 3 days prior to his death and was less than a year away from retirement.

Madam Speaker, it is altogether fitting and proper that we name this post office in Woburn for Officer John Maguire. And to Officer Maguire and all those who wear a badge and courageously protect and serve our towns, cities, and counties each and every day, we are eternally grateful for all that you do and all that you sacrifice. I urge all Members to join me in strong support of this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I urge the body to pass this legislation.

I rise in strong support of S. 1412, which designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street in Woburn, Massachusetts as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office."

The measure before us was introduced on July 25, 2011 by Senator JOHN KERRY.

Our distinguished colleague, Congressman EDWARD MARKEY of Massachusetts, also introduced a companion version of the underlying bill on July 25, 2011.

Both S. 1412 and H.R. 2640 have met the requirements for consideration established by the Oversight Committee and enjoy the support of all members of the Massachusetts delegation.

S. 1412 was reported out of Committee by voice vote on November 3, 2011.

John "Jack" Maguire was born on December 23, 1950 in the city of Woburn, Massachusetts.

He became a police officer for the Woburn Police Department in June 1977 and was sworn in by his own father, then-Police Chief Thomas Maguire. Throughout his career, he wore Badge Number 23—the same badge his father had worn.

Officer Maguire has been called a 'life-long student.'

He graduated from Austin Prep High School in 1969 and from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in 1973.

In 1998, more than 20 years later, he earned a master's degree in business administration from Franklin Pierce College.

He went on to earn a second master's in science and criminal justice administration from Western New England College in 1999.

That same year, he earned a doctorate in philosophy from the American College of Metaphysical Theology.

Following the celebration of his 60th birthday late last year, Officer Maguire gave notice of his intention to retire in the fall of 2011.

On December 26, 2010, however, Officer Maguire found himself on duty in the middle of a New England blizzard.

Armed robbers threatened the employees of the Kohl's department store in Woburn and then fled the store with money and jewelry.

Responding to a fellow officer's call for assistance in a foot chase, Officer Maguire rushed to the scene and blocked an escape path with his cruiser.

He then got out of his vehicle to confront an assailant. The two exchanged gunfire, which killed the gunman and left Officer Maguire mortally wounded.

John Maguire was the first officer killed in the line of duty in Woburn, Massachusetts since the department was established in 1847.

I know the City of Woburn, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the family of Officer Maguire are grateful for his service and sacrifice. We are truly indebted to men and women like him, who risk their lives to protect our communities on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we recognize Officer Maguire's devotion to his profession, his community, and our country's safety by passing S. 1412.

Mr. CUMMINGS. I yield 5 minutes to the sponsor of the companion bill, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY).

Mr. MARKEY. I thank the gentleman very much for yielding. I thank the gentleman from Texas as well. This is a very important bill.

I rise today in support of H.R. 2640, which I introduced in the House of Representatives, and Senate 1412, introduced by Senator KERRY and Senator BROWN, and that is to name the Woburn Post Office in honor of Officer John—his friends called him "Jack"—Maguire.

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At 9 p.m. on December 26, 2010, during the height of a blizzard, two men invaded a Kohl's department store on Washington Street in Woburn, Massachusetts, to rob the jewelry counter as the employees prepared to close. As one robber entered the store, the second stood lookout on the outside, while a third man waited in a nearby getaway vehicle.

The robber in the department store was a career criminal with a long and violent record. He took a large amount of jewelry and fled outside the store into the driving snow. Eyewitnesses and store employees dialed 911. Officer Maguire arrived in the parking lot moments after the robbery. He saw an officer chasing a gunman on foot and drove his cruiser to a location to prevent the escape of the gunmen into a residential neighborhood in Woburn. Officer Maguire jumped out of his cruiser on Washington Street, and the

gunman opened fire on him. Shots were exchanged, and the gunman was killed. Unfortunately, Officer Maguire was shot four times in the torso and was transported to a local trauma center, where it was announced, unfortunately, that he had passed away.

Officer Maguire paid the ultimate price protecting the citizens of Woburn. We are incredibly grateful for his selfless acts that day, which capped 34 years of outstanding dedication to the safety of the people of Woburn.

On June 26, 1977, Officer Maguire began his career by being sworn in by his father, Police Chief Thomas Maguire, a longtime friend of mine, and he was so proud to follow in his father's footsteps. On December 26, 2010, he died wearing badge 23, which had been his own father's badge number. Just days before his death, he had celebrated his 60th birthday and given notice of his intention to retire in October of 2011.

A devoted husband and caring father, Officer Maguire is survived by his wife, Desiree, and children Bryan, Tara, and Sean. Officer Maguire died protecting the residents of Woburn from an armed gunman. He was the first officer killed in the line of duty from the Woburn Police Department since its inception in 1847. It was a tragedy for his family, for the Woburn Police Department, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to have lost such an honorable father, a courageous cop, and a hometown hero.

That is why, at the request of Mayor Scott Galvin of Woburn, Police Chief Richard Kelly, and former Police Chief Phillip Mahoney of the Woburn Police Department, I introduced H.R. 2640 to rename the Woburn Post Office in the memory of Officer John "Jack" Maguire. Renaming the post office located at 462 Washington Street—just a few hundred yards across the street from where Officer Maguire was shot and killed—in his honor is the least that we can do to pay tribute to this brave, dedicated first responder. We honor his service and sacrifice. We honor his life and his legacy. And we honor police officers everywhere who go to work every day to protect the safety and security of all citizens.

Today, we are considering an identical bill that was introduced by my colleagues Senator KERRY and Senator BROWN. I urge adoption of this bill, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office" to honor the legacy of a true hometown hero.

Mr. CUMMINGS. I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of Senate 1412, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr.

FARENTHOLD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1412.

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. FARENTHOLD. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ARMY SPECIALIST MATTHEW TROY MORRIS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 298) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 298

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

SECTION 1. ARMY SPECIALIST MATTHEW TROY MORRIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris 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 "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

With the observance of Veterans Day this past Friday, it is timely and fitting that we name this post office in Cedar Park for Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris, a Texan and a true American hero who gave his life courageously defending freedom.

I would now like to yield such time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague and friend from the great State of Texas, the sponsor of this legislation, Mr. CARTER.

Mr. CARTER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 298, a bill that would designate the United States Post Office located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, I have the high honor of representing the brave men and women of Fort Hood, Texas, the largest military installation in the world. Every day that I have the opportunity to serve in Congress, I do so knowing that my number one responsibility is to give our men and women in uniform the support and resources they need to be successful. Each time I visit Fort Hood, I see America's finest—the soldiers who put it all on the line to allow us to live in the greatest country on Earth. Only 3 days ago, we celebrated Veterans Day, a somber reminder that freedom is not free. And today, here on the House floor, we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country, another reminder to all of us that freedom is not free.

Representing Fort Hood, Texas, also comes with the sober reminder of the sacrifice that our young men and women in the military and their families make to the cause of freedom. Since September 11, 2001, 384 Army soldiers have been killed in action from the 31st District in Texas, the highest number of any congressional district in the country. Central Texans and their families have sacrificed much and know that freedom is not free.

Today, we celebrate the life and remember one of those patriots who served our country and gave his all, Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris. Matthew Morris was born on July 16, 1984, in Fairfax, Virginia. He attended Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia, where he earned an ROTC leadership award. He later attended Cedar Park High School in Cedar Park, Texas, and went on to score in the 90th percentile on each section of the General Education Development test.

Specialist Morris enlisted in the United States Army in December 2005 and attended basic combat training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, followed by advanced individual training at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. He graduated from AIT in June of 2006 as a power generation equipment mechanic and was assigned to Howitzer Battery, 2nd Squadron, and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas.

□ 1710

Specialist Morris served with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in Balad. Despite the dangerous nature of this work, he remained devoted to his mission; and the heroism he demonstrated in Iraq earned him the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq