

and, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be an original cosponsor myself.

There's no way a grateful nation can adequately express our thanks to those who serve. However, naming this post office in Tomball after those who serve is a small but fitting gesture to the brave men and women who are the reason this country is free.

I commend my colleague from Texas for introducing this legislation.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would 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 bill, Mr. McCAUL.

Mr. McCAUL. I thank my good friend and colleague from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) for his support of my legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of our Nation's veterans and in support of this legislation, which would designate the post office located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office."

It is appropriate, Mr. Speaker, that on the first legislative day after Veterans Day that this House would honor its veterans for their sacrifice and fidelity to our country. I cannot think of a more deserving community than Tomball, Texas, in my district.

Mr. Speaker, I just returned this weekend from visiting our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and meeting with the President of Pakistan. I also visited our wounded warriors at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany on Veterans Day.

I'm pleased to report that our men and women in uniform are doing tremendous work and have made extraordinary progress in the war on terror. I was also humbled by our troops' sacrifice and unwavering commitment to our mission.

In Afghanistan, I witnessed the fruits of our soldiers' labor. For the first time, women are being educated and Afghans are enjoying freedoms, the likes of which they could only dream about under the Taliban's brutal regime.

In Iraq, where Saddam Hussein and his henchmen once brutalized the Iraqi people and silenced their voices, democracy is beginning to take shape. Today the Iraqi people are free to express their diverse points of view and engage in the same kind of political discourse that we are engaged in here right now in this very Chamber.

It is because of our soldiers that this is possible; that the American people can be safe from terror and tyranny; and that others around the world, for the first time in their lives, experience the freedoms which we so often take for granted.

I am so proud of our soldiers and what they have accomplished—soldiers like Marine Corporal Jeffrey Johnson of Tomball, who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2010 defending America and what our country stands for in the world.

Last year I attended Jeffrey's funeral in the small town of Tomball, where over 30,000 people—30,000 grateful Americans—lined up in the streets to show their respect for a true American hero. This unbelievable outpouring of support demonstrated that patriotism and love of country are still alive and well in America.

It's thanks to veterans like Jeffrey Johnson and so many others from Texas and across this great country that this is possible; and, for that, we must honor our men and women who have served in uniform.

That is also why I'm active with the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress, which preserves and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

My father, a World War II veteran who flew bombing missions over Nazi Germany, always reminded me that his generation, often called the Greatest Generation, handed down a better America to my generation.

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That same can be said for today's veterans, such as Tomball heroes like Jeffery Johnson, whose sacrifices are building a better America today.

And so to all of America's veterans, let me say on behalf of this distinguished body, thank you for your service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in passing this legislation.

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

I rise in strong support of H.R. 2660, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office." This past Friday, our Nation celebrated and honored the heroic service of all our Nation's veterans. Continuing that celebration, I urge that we enact H.R. 2660, introduced by Congressman MICHAEL GRIMM. This legislation is supported by all of the members of the Texas delegation, and was considered and reported favorably by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on November 3, 2011.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 1.7 million of our Nation's 22.5 million veterans live in the State of Texas. The legislation before us will commemorate the service of veterans of Tomball, Texas, by naming their local post office in their honor.

Such commemoration is but a small token of the debt our Nation owes its veterans. At a time when veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan face higher unemployment rates than the general population and when our veterans urgently need a range of services as they recover from both physical and psychological wounds, we must make it our highest priority to ensure our veterans have

quick and easy access to all the services and benefits they have earned by the commitments they have made and kept to our Nation.

That said, Mr. Speaker, let us come together in support of dedicating the Tomball, Texas, Post Office to its hometown veterans by passing H.R. 2660.

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

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in urging strong support for this bill honoring our heroic veterans. There are never enough ways we can thank the veterans who served so bravely this country.

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, H.R. 2660.

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. Mr. 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.

TROOPER JOSHUA D. MILLER POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2415) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2415

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

SECTION 1. TROOPER JOSHUA D. MILLER POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller 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 "Trooper Joshua D. Miller 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. Mr. 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 gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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

H.R. 2415, introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BARLETTA) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building."

This bill is cosponsored by the entire Pennsylvania State delegation, and was favorably reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on the 3rd of November.

Mr. Speaker, while we've considered multiple bills this afternoon to designate postal facilities for fallen military heroes, H.R. 2415 gives us the opportunity to honor those who wear a different kind of uniform—our country's law enforcement officers.

Specifically, this legislation would name the post office in Pittston, Pennsylvania, for Joshua Miller, a Pennsylvania State trooper who was shot and killed in the line of duty on June 7, 2009.

A veteran of the Marine Corps, Trooper Miller was attempting to save a 9-year-old boy from a man who had kidnapped a child at gunpoint when he was tragically shot by the suspect. For going above and beyond a police officer's duty to protect and serve, I thank Trooper Miller and all of those who wear the badge on a daily basis for their selfless service and dedication to our community.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would now like to yield as much time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of Pennsylvania, the sponsor of this legislation, Mr. BARLETTA.

Mr. BARLETTA. I thank the gentleman from Texas for those kind remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor the life and remember the sacrifice of Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Joshua D. Miller of Pittston.

Trooper Miller was shot and killed on June 7, 2009, while attempting to apprehend a kidnapper who took a 9-year-old boy from his mother at gunpoint and fled. As he and his partner were trying to apprehend the suspect, Trooper Miller was shot in the upper chest and in the leg. While they returned fire, another State trooper and a local law enforcement officer were able to smash the window in the kidnapper's vehicle, grab the 9-year-old boy and carry him to safety.

Trooper Miller was flown to a hospital, but he died from his wounds.

Josh was born on June 13, 1974, a son of Walter Miller of Pittston and Peggy Miller of Plymouth. Josh graduated from Pittston Area High School, class

of 1992. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1993, serving honorably and achieving the rank of corporal before his discharge.

Upon separation from active duty, Josh worked at the Monroe County Correctional Facility. He enrolled at Lackawanna Junior College and attended the Act 120 course. Upon graduation, Josh joined the Tunkhannock Borough Police Department in 1999. He worked there until September of 2002, when he joined the Pennsylvania State Police.

Trooper Miller first worked at the Bethlehem barracks, then at the Swiftwater barracks in Monroe County. While there, he was selected to be a member of an elite unit that conducted aggressive patrols. Trooper Miller took pride in training new troopers and hoped to instill his work ethic in them.

In 2001, Josh met his wife, Angela, and they were married in October of 2005. He had three daughters: Justine, Breana, and Joslyn.

After his death, thousands attended his viewing. More than 1,700 law enforcement officers from across the country attended his funeral. During the service, then-Governor Ed Rendell awarded Trooper Miller a posthumous Medal of Honor.

On the day he was shot and killed in the line of duty, Trooper Miller sent an email to a colleague. In it he wrote, "I will not let anything happen to my brothers on my watch."

After years of dedicated service as a U.S. Marine, as a law enforcement officer, and as a Pennsylvania State Police trooper, Trooper Miller ended his final watch on June 7, 2009. He died while saving a boy from a kidnapper with a gun. He died serving his community, his commonwealth, and his country.

That is why I encourage you to support H.R. 2415 and name the United States Postal Service facility at 11 Dock Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building."

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

I rise in strong support of H.R. 2415, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building."

The measure before us was authored by Congressman LOU BARLETTA, and cosponsored by all of the members of the Pennsylvania delegation.

H.R. 2415 was favorably reported out of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee by unanimous consent on November 3, 2011.

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Pennsylvania State Trooper Joshua D. Miller spent his life serving his country, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and his local community.

Born to Walter and Peggy Miller in 1974, Trooper Miller enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1993. Upon discharge, he returned to Pennsylvania and joined

the Tunkhannock Borough Police Department before becoming a Pennsylvania State trooper.

Trooper Miller was a member of an elite unit of troopers assigned to handle the most dangerous cases. He made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while trying to rescue a 9-year-old boy who had been kidnapped at gunpoint and was being held hostage. The young boy was ultimately released and returned safely to his family.

On the day of his death, Trooper Miller wrote in an email to a colleague: "I will not let anything happen to my brothers on my watch." His life exemplified his commitment to serving his community and protecting his fellow officers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we pass H.R. 2415 to recognize the life and sacrifice of Pennsylvania State Trooper Joshua D. Miller.

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

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in strong support of H.R. 2415.

I have no further requests for time, 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, H.R. 2415.

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. Mr. 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.

ALTO LEE ADAMS, SR., UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1791) to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1791

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the