

Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office. This bill was introduced on November 18, 2011, and was reported favorably from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on February 7.

Nicholas Hartge grew up in Rome City, Indiana, and during high school decided to serve his country by joining the military. Nicholas served in the Third Platoon in Charlie Company in the First Infantry Division, and his company was deployed to Iraq in August of 2006. Nicholas' commanding officer, Commander Michael Baka, took note of the young man's character and aptitude and helped him begin the process of applying to West Point. While the prospect of becoming an officer thrilled Specialist Hartge, he never deviated from his devotion to his fellow soldiers.

On May 14, 2007, Specialist Hartge's unit came under heavy attack. While maneuvering through enemy fire, the Humvee carrying the specialist was struck by a roadside bomb. Nicholas Hartge received a Commendation Medal for outstanding achievement in the capture of Abu Hassan, a known IED facilitator in Baghdad. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic actions on the day that he was killed.

Madam Speaker, Specialist Nicholas Scott Hartge is a very worthy and appropriate designee of this postal facility naming, and I urge all Members to join me in support of this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

As a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, I rise to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office.

The measure before us was first introduced on November 18 by my colleague Representative MARLIN STUTZMAN, and in accordance with the committee's requirements, this bill is cosponsored by all members of the Indiana delegation and was reported out of the committee by unanimous consent on February 7, 2012.

Nicholas Hartge was adamant about joining the military after the profound personal effect that the September 11 attacks had on him. He enlisted in the Army before graduating from East Noble High School in Kendallville, Indiana, in 2005. In August of 2006, he was deployed and stationed in Baghdad.

On May 14, 2007, Hartge was killed when the vehicle he was riding in came in contact with an improvised explosive device. Four other soldiers on patrol with Hartge sustained burn wounds on as much as 70 percent of their bodies from the attack.

Nicholas Scott Hartge made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, and his dedication and courage are a testament

to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. For this reason, the post office in Rome City, Indiana, should be named in his honor. And I ask that we pass the underlying bill to honor the service, sacrifice, and valor of Specialist Nicholas Scott Hartge.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I would like to yield 5 minutes to my distinguished colleague and friend from the State of Indiana.

Mr. STUTZMAN. I thank the gentleman from Texas as well as the gentleman from Missouri for their support today and for the committee supporting H.R. 3501. I would also like to thank each of the members of the Indiana delegation for their sponsorship of this bill as well.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office.

Growing up in Rome City, Indiana, Nicholas served his community with a smile. A Boy Scout, paperboy, wrestler, and member of the marching band, his cheerful manner and work ethic were contagious.

Nicholas decided to enlist in the Army during his junior year of high school. His loving mother, Lori, proudly tells the story of her patriotic son who was so eager to serve his country that a freight train couldn't stop him.

Only a week after graduating, Nicholas left for boot camp at Fort Benning, Georgia. Nicholas chose to serve in the infantry. In August of 2006, he and his unit, First Battalion, 26th Infantry, Brigade Combat Team, First Infantry Division, were deployed to Iraq.

Far from the safety of his Indiana home, Specialist Hartge patrolled the streets of Adhamiyah, a neighborhood in east-central Baghdad. Despite his age, Nicholas' determination and attitude set him apart.

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Members of the 3rd Platoon in Charlie Company knew they could depend on him. In the midst of a war zone, Nicholas served with distinction and earned the respect of his fellow soldiers and commanders. His gifts and strengths were known to those he served with. With the goal of attending West Point, he worked with his commanding officer to prepare himself for the challenges ahead.

During a leave, Specialist Hartge came home and took the SAT test in preparation for West Point. Although he could have taken a different path, Nicholas' devotion to his unit led him to put his pursuit of the academy on hold until he finished his combat tour. Putting aside his own safety, he returned to Iraq to serve alongside his unit.

On May 14, 2007, his patrol came under heavy attack. While navigating

through intense fire, his Humvee hit a roadside bomb. Specialist Hartge lost his life in that attack. Specialist Hartge was awarded the Bronze Star for his final act of heroism.

Hoosiers in Rome City and Americans across the country enjoy our freedoms because heroes like Nicholas and his family have paid the dearest price. We can never take that fact lightly.

Madam Speaker, Specialist Hartge lost his life serving the country he loved. Renaming the post office of the community that loves and remembers him is a small, but important, gesture to recognize this young man.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I urge passage of H.R. 3501, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3501, honoring Specialist Nicholas Scott Hartge; 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. 3501.

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, 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.

FIRST SERGEANT LANDRES CHEEKS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3772) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the "First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3772

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

SECTION 1. FIRST SERGEANT LANDRES CHEEKS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, shall be known and designated as the "First Sergeant Landres Cheeks 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 "First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) 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 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. H.R. 3772, introduced by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON), would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building. This bill was introduced on January 13 and was reported from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with a favorable report on February 7.

Sergeant Cheeks served in the United States Army Medical Corps for 30 years, serving in World War II in Germany and France and also in the Vietnam war. He is a decorated serviceman, having received numerous distinctions, including the National Defense Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Occupational Medal of Germany, the Bronze Star Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the American Campaign Medal.

Beyond military service, Sergeant Cheeks was a role model in his community in Mississippi, serving with numerous community organizations, including the Madison County Union for Progress as chairman. The Union for Progress is a private organization that helps citizens seek and secure employment. He also served on the board of directors of the Canton Housing Authority.

Cheeks was married for 66 years and raised six sons and three daughters. Six of his children followed in his footsteps and served this country in the military.

Madam Speaker, First Sergeant Landres Cheeks is a worthy designee of this postal naming. I urge all Members to join me in support of this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

As a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, I join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3772, a bill to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building.

The measure was first introduced on January 13, 2012, by my colleague, Representative BENNIE THOMPSON. In accordance with committee require-

ments, the bill is cosponsored by all members of the Mississippi delegation and was reported out of the committee by unanimous consent on February 7, 2012.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 3772, which seeks to designate the United States postal facility located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office.

I introduced this bill to bring recognition to the outstanding works and commitment of Retired First Sergeant Landres Cheeks to both the United States of America and to the city of Canton, Mississippi. I'm pleased to have my colleagues in the Mississippi delegation join me as original cosponsors: Congressmen HARPER, PALAZZO, and NUNNELEE.

First, Sergeant Cheeks has been a true patriot of our country and an integral part of his community for more than 60 years. He's dedicated his life, after serving our country for three decades, to giving back to the citizens of Canton. His mission to economically empower, inspire, and motivate the people of Canton has proved him to be an invaluable asset to the community.

Sergeant Cheeks served the United States Army Medical Corps for 30 years, participating in Germany and France during World War II and the Vietnam war. He's a decorated serviceman, having received the National Defense Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Occupational Medal of Germany, Bronze Star Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, and a Good Service Conduct Medal.

In 2001, he was awarded the Blue Cross Blue Shield Ageless Hero Award. This honor is given in celebration of the spirit and vitality of our Nation's seniors aged 65 and over who have proven themselves exemplary in the areas of community involvement, creativity, good neighboring, love of learning, new beginning and vitality. Sergeant Cheeks has proven himself to be a role model of his community.

After having been honorably discharged from the military, it was later discovered that Sergeant Cheeks had contacted agent orange and developed post-traumatic stress syndrome. Nevertheless, Sergeant Cheeks persevered and began actively assisting the people of Canton with searches for employment and with formulating and sponsoring extracurricular activities for the youth of Canton.

Not only is Sergeant Cheeks committed to economic quality and bettering the community, but he's also committed to civic engagement and involvement. He currently sits on the Voter Registration Committee and serves as chairman of the membership of the Canton branch of the NAACP.

Sergeant Cheeks has been a pillar in his community more than half a century and has served our country honorably. I cannot find anyone nobler or better suited to have a building named in their honor.

Madam Speaker, the House Government and Oversight Reform Committee reported First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building favorably by voice vote on February 7. I urge my colleagues to support this necessary bipartisan and noncontroversial bill, which will bring much deserved and appropriate recognition to a true patriot and outstanding member of society.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, we have no further requests for time. I think my friend and colleague from Mississippi has sufficiently given us the reasons why this House should adopt this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. I urge my colleagues to support renaming the postal facility at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, the First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building and support the passage of H.R. 3772.

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. 3772.

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, 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.

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REVEREND ABE BROWN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3276) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the "Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3276

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

SECTION 1. REVEREND ABE BROWN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other