

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

record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Reverend Abe Brown 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. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in 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.

H.R. 3276, introduced by the gentleman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR), would 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. This bill was introduced on October 27, 2011, and reported from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with a favorable recommendation on February 7, 2012.

Reverend Brown served the Tampa Bay community for years. He was the beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church of College Hill, Hillsborough County public schools educator, football coach, dean of the Chamberlain High School, and founder of Prison Crusade Ministries, later renamed Abe Brown Ministries. He was the dean of students at Chamberlain when Congresswoman CASTOR attended school there. Sadly, Reverend Brown passed away on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at the age of 83.

Reverend Abe Brown is a very worthy designee of this postal facility naming, and I urge my colleagues to support 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 am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3276, a bill to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service on Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building. This bill meets the requirements of our committee.

At this time, I would like to yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR) such time as she may consume.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Missouri and also my colleague from Texas. I rise in strong support today of H.R. 3276, a bill to name the post office located at 2810 East Hillsborough Ave-

nue in Tampa, Florida, as the Reverend Abe Brown Post Office. I introduced this bill to honor the life and the accomplishments of the late Reverend Abe Brown. Reverend Abe Brown was an educator and a pastor, and he devoted his entire life to helping others, whether it was in the classroom, in the guidance office, on the football field, in church, or through his ongoing ministries.

Reverend Brown was a Tampa native. He was a 1946 graduate of the great Middleton High School and a 1950 graduate of Florida A&M University. He came home after he graduated from A&M and started work at Hillsborough County public schools. He worked for the school district for 38 years—as a teacher, coach, dean of students, and an administrator.

As an educator and a coach, he promoted 16 athletes to professional football. He loved football. These professional players attribute their success in life and not just on the football field to the firm foundation and inspirational teachings of their beloved Middleton High School coach, Reverend Abe Brown.

I had the honor of attending Hillsborough's Chamberlain High School when Reverend Brown served as the dean of students before he retired in 1988, and he was tough. He was tough on the outside, but inside he had a heart of gold. Reverend Brown also served as the pastor for the First Baptist Church of College Hill for many years.

His deep and abiding faith called him to found the Prison Crusade Ministries, which was renamed the Reverend Abe Brown Ministries, Inc., a nonprofit organization that enables offenders, ex-offenders, their families, and others at risk to achieve productive and spiritually fulfilling lives. It has made a real difference throughout the Tampa Bay area.

Reverend Brown continued his social outreach, and in 1991 he received nationwide coverage and honor through an article in the Reader's Digest regarding his active establishment and implementation of an effort to stop drug street sales in Tampa's College Hill community.

Reverend Brown passed away in September 2010 after serving the Tampa Bay area in many capacities for many years.

With the help of the East Tampa community, we fought to keep this particular post office open last summer. It was considered for closure, but it is a real focal point for the East Tampa community, and it is a very busy branch. So I look forward to dedicating this station to Reverend Abe Brown, as does our entire community. He was a role model for young people and an inspiration for our entire community. He selflessly devoted his life to others and, instead of abandoning those who had lost their way, he worked tirelessly to help them get back on track.

I thank the entire Florida delegation who sponsored this legislation on a bipartisan basis, I thank the committee, the ranking member and the chair, and I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 3276 in honor of Reverend Brown's selfless service to the Tampa Bay community.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Florida, and I ask that we pass the underlying bill without reservation to recognize Reverend Abe Brown's contributions, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I was moved by the recollections of the gentlelady from Florida of Reverend Abe Brown, and I am confident that my colleagues will join me in supporting the bill, H.R. 3276, renaming the post office at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building, 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. 3276.

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.

#### PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATERFRONT

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2297) to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

On page 5, after line 10, add the following:  
**SEC. 4. PROJECT FOR NAVIGATION, WASHINGTON CHANNEL, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The portion of the project for navigation of the Corps of Engineers at Potomac River, Washington Channel, District of Columbia, as authorized by the Act of August 30, 1935 (chapter 831; 49 Stat. 1028), and described in subsection (b), is deauthorized.

(b) *DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT.*—The deauthorized portion of the project for navigation is as follows: Beginning at Washington Harbor Channel Geometry Centerline of the 400-foot-wide main navigational ship channel, Centerline Station No. 103+73.12, coordinates North 441948.20, East 1303969.30, as stated and depicted on the Condition Survey Anacostia, Virginia, Washington and Magazine Bar Shoal Channels, Washington, D.C., Sheet 6 of 6, prepared by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore district, July 2007; thence departing the