

He was a wage-and-hour Democrat. He was a Social Security Democrat, but he could work with Ronald Reagan to save Social Security. He was a man committed to ending the nuclear arms race, and he led that fight here on the House floor; but he did so while ensuring that there would be a complete preservation of the security of the United States of America.

He always asked two questions on every issue out here on the House floor: Is it fair, and does it work? And he said that if it could not pass that two-part test, then it should not become a law in the United States of America.

He passed a comprehensive energy plan off the floor of this House, protected Social Security, and advanced so many other issues. In my opinion, Tip O'Neill was the Albert Einstein of politics. He knew what it took in order to make this institution work. He knew what it took to reach across the aisle to find people of goodwill, to make this Chamber work, and to advance the agenda for this country.

So for me, it's a great honor to be here because buildings, as we name them, also embody that person. And it is my hope that as people walk in and out of this building in the 21st century that they think about who Tip O'Neill was, they think about—yes, how much he loved political war; but at the same time, he brought his own personal warmth to that so that it was not separated here on the House floor. And it's my hope that in naming this building, perhaps this process, this great institution can be animated by his great legacy.

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I apparently have no more speakers, but I'd just like to close out by thanking those Members who spoke on behalf of Mr. O'Neill. Thank you very much to the Speaker and the minority leader for bringing this bill to the floor and congratulating the O'Neill family.

I will tell you that I know most of the O'Neill family, and I will tell you that Tip would be proud of them. He was proud of the ones that he knew. But of the ones he didn't know as well, I will tell you he would be proud of them. Every one of them that I know is good, solid stock people who know what they're doing and know who they represent in their lives because they see me on a regular basis. And I want to thank them for being so tenacious in trying to remind us of Tip O'Neill, who he was and what he was, and for living in his shadow and living the type of life that he would have been proud of.

I would also like to just close out by simply saying "thank you" to this Congress for providing, not just me, but for all of us, the opportunity to come have these debates, have these discussions, have these fights. There's nothing wrong with a good fight over important issues and to understand

that each of us brings to this body exactly what Tip O'Neill brought to this body and what the people who come after us will bring to this body: a commitment to this country, a commitment to their State, a commitment to their district and the people they represent. Tip O'Neill epitomized it all, and that's why we're there today, to say "thank you" to him, to recognize through him what this entire body stands for.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this legislation and urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the bill to name the federal building located at the foot of Capitol Hill in honor of former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill.

I understand that above his desk Speaker O'Neill kept a framed copy of the famous Hubert Humphrey quotation—"The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the aged; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped." So it seems particularly fitting that this building being named after Speaker O'Neill is adjacent to the Department of Health and Human Services headquarters which bears Senator Humphrey's name.

Speaker O'Neill fought to expand opportunities for the poor, the disadvantaged and those working people who get up every day and do their best to provide a better life for their children and grandchildren.

Among Speaker O'Neill's many legacies is his commitment to public service—and I think public service has become his family's business.

Speaker O'Neill's children and grandchildren have continued his legacy of helping others and making the world a better place. Here in the House we have the pleasure of working with Speaker O'Neill's granddaughter, Catlin, who serves as Leader PELOS's Chief of Staff.

I congratulate Speaker O'Neill's children—Tom, Kip, Susan, and Rosemary—and their entire extended family on this great honor, which comes just days before what would be Tip's 100th birthday.

And I hope this kind of bipartisan effort is not a one-time thing but a sign of how the majority will conduct legislative business in the 113th Congress.

I urge support of this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. DENHAM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6604.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### TRINKA DAVIS VETERANS VILLAGE

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6374) to designate the fa-

cility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 180 Martin Drive in Carrollton, Georgia, as the "Trinka Davis Veterans Village."

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6374

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

#### SECTION 1. TRINKA DAVIS VETERANS VILLAGE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 180 Martin Drive in Carrollton, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "Trinka Davis Veterans Village".

(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 "Trinka Davis Veterans Village".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The legislation before us today does, in fact, name the VA community-based outpatient clinic in Carrollton, Georgia, as the Trinka Davis Veterans Village.

Trinka Davis was a Carroll County business leader who desired that her estate be used to provide support and assistance to veterans and their families. Following her death in 2008, the Trinka Davis Foundation contacted the Atlanta VA Medical Center and determined that there was a need for an outpatient clinic in Carrollton, Georgia, to better serve the 3,500 veterans in northwest Georgia. As such, the foundation worked with local VA leaders to plan, design, and construct the clinic, and in September presented the \$17 million gift in kind to the VA. The 73,883 square foot clinic, which opened to veterans in September, provides primary, home-based, and mental health care and a number of specialty services, including physical and occupational therapy. It encompasses a 42-bed community living center that provides rehabilitation services and long-term care.

She was not a veteran herself, but Ms. Davis' generous gift was already improving the health and daily lives of Georgia's veterans and their families, and will no doubt continue to do so for generations to come.

It is only proper that the facility that she provided the funding for bear her name as recognition of her outstanding service to the veterans of the State of Georgia. It's received the unanimous support of the Georgia delegation, and Georgia's major veterans service organizations have all supported it. Also, I would like to note that, according to a preliminary cost estimate provided by CBO, it represents a minimal cost of less than \$500,000 to the Federal Government.

This legislation is sponsored by my good friend and colleague, Dr. PHIL GINGREY, and I want to thank Dr. GINGREY for his leadership in spearheading this provision and for his steadfast support of veterans, not only in the State of Georgia, but across this Nation.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 6374, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to offer my support of H.R. 6374, a bill to name a facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Carrollton, Georgia, as the Trinka Davis Veterans Village.

Ms. Davis served with great distinction as a businesswoman, but one of her greatest contributions to our Nation can be seen in her commitment to the care and well-being of the servicemen and -women of our country.

As a teenager, Ms. Davis paid a visit to Pearl Harbor in Hawaii and was touched by the sacrifice of American servicemembers. Her brother, Poncet Davis, Jr., then went on to serve in the United States Army. Later, after her successful career in the textile and rubber industry, Ms. Davis continued her work helping wounded veterans and their families. In 2004, she founded the Trinka Davis Foundation to honor service veterans, particularly in the State of Georgia.

I commend the foundation and the Atlanta VA for working closely together to build this facility, which will serve as a community living center and a medical office to provide primary health care and other important services to over 3,000 veterans.

While Ms. Davis is no longer with us, her longstanding commitments to our Nation's heroes live on and make her a perfect candidate for the naming of the Veterans Village in Carrollton.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to now yield as much time as he may consume to the sponsor of this piece of legislation, the gentleman from Georgia, Dr. GINGREY.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6374, a bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs facility in Carrollton, Georgia, as the Trinka Davis Veterans Village.

Mr. Speaker, much of what I'm going to say has already been said by the distinguished chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER), as well as the ranking member, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN), but I thank them for giving me the opportunity to repeat and maybe elaborate a bit because it deserves to be said.

Katherine—better then known as Trinka—Davis, was a businesswoman from Carroll County who founded the Trinka Davis Foundation back in 2004 after realizing the struggles many serv-

icemen and -women faced upon returning from both Iraq and Afghanistan. As has been stated, though not a veteran herself, through her generosity, Ms. Davis performed an outstanding service for the veterans of northwest Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, Trinka made note of the reports of difficulties that many returning veterans and their respective families were facing: loss of limbs, traumatic brain injuries, post traumatic stress syndrome, unemployment, and loss of their homes.

Although she is no longer with us, her memory lives on. Trinka Davis left almost her entire estate, over \$18 million, to this foundation, which has used it to construct a first-class health facility to aid our wounded warriors in their recovery and treatment. I've been there. I've seen it. I was there at the ribbon cutting ceremony just this past year. It's a beautiful facility in my district in Carrollton.

Mr. Speaker, with the war in Afghanistan, a recent one in Iraq, and unrest around the globe, the United States has more than 196,000 active duty servicemen and -women that put their lives on the line night and day to protect our families and our freedoms. These men and women accepted the call of duty, leaving behind their loved ones and life as they know it, to protect the lives of us and so many others.

When our soldiers return from battle, sometimes they don't get the support and the assistance that they deserve. Simply put, we owe them more. Just as they have answered the call to serve our country, we must answer the call to serve them.

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This is what Trinka Davis did and why I rise today, and I am so honored to be a part of the naming of this Carrollton VA facility in her honor.

Thanks to Trinka's generosity and the tireless dedication of her foundation, the new clinic was donated to the Department of Veterans Affairs just this past August. The doors were opened for veterans to receive outpatient treatment on September 24, 2012, and in the coming months the clinic will also include a 42-bed community living center. While providing a variety of services, including primary care, physical therapy, and outpatient mental health services, the facility will serve 3,000 veterans and will allow them to receive treatment closer to their homes.

I believe that, like our veterans, Ms. Davis is, indeed, a hero. She recognized the needs of our veterans, and she worked tirelessly to meet them. The Trinka Davis Foundation ensured that Ms. Davis' commitment to the veterans and to their families in the Carrollton community and beyond would be preserved through the construction of this health facility.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Trinka Davis' selfless actions by supporting H.R. 6374.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I

urge support for H.R. 6374, and I yield back the balance of my time.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 6374.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. I encourage all Members to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6374.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NATIONAL PARK RANGER MARGARET ANDERSON POST OFFICE

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5788) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office."

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5788

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

#### SECTION 1. NATIONAL PARK RANGER MARGARET ANDERSON POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, shall be known and designated as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson 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 "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ALTMIRE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOSAR. 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 Arizona?

There was no objection.

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