

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 add extraneous material to the RECORD regarding H.R. 3378.

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. 3378, introduced by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BENISHEK), would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building.

This bill was introduced November 4, 2011, and reported from the Government Oversight and Reform Committee on February 7, 2012.

Mr. Speaker, Elizabeth Kinnunen was a strong pillar of her community in Munising, Michigan. She and her husband, Oscar, operated a boarding house in Marquette, Michigan, and together they raised 11 children. Two of their sons fought bravely for their country and tragically gave their lives. Her son Eiso was killed in action during World War II. Her son Raymond was killed during the Korean war.

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Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Kinnunen is a very worthy designee of this postal facility naming, and I urge all Members to join me in the support of this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

As a member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3378, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building.

The bill before us was introduced by my colleague DAN BENISHEK on November 4, 2011. In accordance with committee requirements, H.R. 3378 is cosponsored by all members of the Michigan delegation, and it was reported out of the Oversight Committee by a voice vote on February 7, 2012.

Elizabeth Kinnunen has a very special place in America's heart due to her personal sacrifice for our country. Mrs. Kinnunen is what we call a "double gold star mother." Her son Eiso was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. Unfortunately, years later, her son Raymond was killed during the Korean War, while a third son, Reino, served in West Germany during the same war. No mother should have to lose two sons to war; but her family sacrifice will forever be part of history, and I ask that we pass this bill with no reservation.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. I yield as much time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of Michigan (Mr. BENISHEK).

Mr. BENISHEK. Thanks to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to urge my colleagues to support my legislation, H.R. 3378, a bill to name the post office building in Munising, Michigan, after the late Mrs. Elizabeth Kinnunen.

Mrs. Kinnunen's story is like that of many people's from northern Michigan and all across this Nation. It's a story of an immigrant who came to this country in the hopes of a better life and left America a better place. Mrs. Kinnunen came to our country from Finland in 1903. She married Oscar Kinnunen in 1909. They had 11 children, and like parents do all across this country, they worked hard all of their lives to ensure that their children would have a shot at the American Dream.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinnunen operated a boarding house in Marquette, Michigan. They provided warm beds to many timber and mining workers in Marquette County. Eventually, they moved to Munising, Michigan, where Oscar worked for the paper company and Elizabeth worked as a local cook. Mrs. Kinnunen was a faithful member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Munising.

Mrs. Kinnunen's life was marked by tragedy. Two of her sons, Eiso and Raymond, were both killed in war while defending the freedoms we cherish so much. Eiso was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge in 1945, and Raymond lost his life in the Korean War in 1952. We will never know the devastating grief their family must have suffered after such an enormous loss. We will also never be able to fathom the somber dignity Mrs. Kinnunen must have felt—in the words of President Lincoln—to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kinnunen died on April 5, 1974, at the age of 81. She is not famous. Her name does not grace history books; but Mrs. Kinnunen's life—the hard work she did, the family she raised, the terrible sacrifices she endured—is a small but important part of this long story that we call the United States. It is the countless lives like hers that has made this country the greatest Nation in the world. Naming this post office in her honor is a thoughtful and lasting way for the community of Munising to celebrate her life and accomplishments.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, having no further requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3378, 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. 3378.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mrs. MALONEY. 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.

CECIL E. BOLT POST OFFICE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4389) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the "Cecil E. Bolt Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4389

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

SECTION 1. CECIL E. BOLT POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, shall be known and designated as the "Cecil E. Bolt 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 "Cecil E. Bolt Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

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

H.R. 4389, introduced by the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA), would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the Cecil E. Bolt Post Office. This bill was introduced on April 18, and it was reported out favorably from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on June 27.

Mr. Speaker, Cecil Bolt was drafted into the Army just prior to the start of

World War II. He was assigned to the 75th Artillery Unit in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. After the war, Mr. Bolt returned to Fowler, California, and was appointed postmaster in 1947. He was known for his friendly service, especially when delivering packages on Christmas Eve, which is something at this time of the year we can all appreciate. Sadly, Mr. Bolt passed away on February 9, 2007, but he is fondly remembered by many family members and friends.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bolt is a very worthy designee of this postal facility naming, and I urge all Members to join me in the support of this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

As a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 4389, which was introduced by my good friend and colleague to whom I now yield such time as he may consume, the gentleman from the great State of California, Representative JIM COSTA.

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4389, and I thank the gentlelady from New York for yielding me the time to speak on behalf of the naming of this post office in Fowler, California, on behalf of Cecil E. Bolt, who was the postmaster there for many, many years.

Today is a great day for the city of Fowler and for its community and the city council, which over a year ago overwhelmingly came to me and asked that we dedicate and name—appropriately so—the post office at Fowler, California, on behalf of a postmaster who served the city and the community so well for so many years.

Fowler is a wonderful community in my district of over 5,000 people, one not unlike many communities that we have throughout the country—with a high school and with generations of families that have lived there for years. As a matter of fact, the mother of one of our colleagues, Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, was born in Fowler, California.

Today, we name the post office after Cecil E. Bolt. He was born and raised in Idaho, but like many, came to California. After graduating from college, Mr. Bolt moved to Fowler in 1939. Just prior to World War II, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and as was noted, he was assigned to the 75th Artillery Unit in Alaska.

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Cecil Bolt was part of, as Tom Brokaw wrote, America's Greatest Generation. In 1942, he married the love of his life, Naomi Opal Gourley, and together they raised two loving daughters: Dorothy Jane and Kathy Jean.

After the war, Bolt returned to Fowler and was appointed the postmaster, a position he held for 27 years. Known for his dedication and friendly

demeanor, many times he would personally deliver packages, and not just during the Christmas season but throughout the year because of course everybody knew Cecil. His decades of public service extended far beyond the walls of the post office, which centered as a hub of activity for the community.

Cecil volunteered every day for more than 17 years at the Marshall Elementary School, where his service helped shape a generation of young people. He was also a faithful and active member of the Presbyterian Church of Fowler, where he also served as a Sunday school teacher and a Kids Club volunteer. For his service, he received Fowler's "Citizen of the Year" award in 1969 and the "Silent Servant of the Year" award in 2004.

Sadly, after years and years of service, Cecil Bolt passed away in 2007. Those in the city of Fowler who knew him were undoubtedly better off thanks to the good service of Postmaster Bolt.

So in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, the city of Fowler and its county council and the overwhelming support of citizens of the city and students who wrote in postcards ask that we do this in his honor without reservation—recognize the post office in the city of Fowler to be named after Postmaster Cecil E. Bolt in dedication to his family and the community of Fowler as well as the United States Postal Service.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Having no other speakers at this time, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MALONEY. Having no further speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4389, the Cecil E. Bolt Post Office. I urge all Members to join me in support of this bill.

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. 4389.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mrs. MALONEY. 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.

LIEUTENANT KENNETH M. BALLARD MEMORIAL POST OFFICE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6260) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service lo-

cated at 211 Hope Street in Mountain View, California, as the "Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6260

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

SECTION 1. LIEUTENANT KENNETH M. BALLARD MEMORIAL POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 211 Hope Street in Mountain View, California, shall be known and designated as the "Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial 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 "Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

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Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days 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. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 6260, introduced by the gentlelady from California (Ms. ESHOO) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 211 Hope Street in Mountain View, California, as the "Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office." This bill was introduced August 1 and reported favorably from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Lieutenant Ballard committed his entire adult life to serving his country. Upon graduating from Mountain View High School in 1995, Mr. Ballard enlisted in the Army. During his military career, he served in Germany, Bosnia, Macedonia, and Iraq. Sadly, Lieutenant Ballard was killed in 2004 while deployed in Iraq. I'm truly grateful for the brave and heroic service of Lieutenant Ballard and for all those who serve and defend our Nation every day.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Ballard is a very worthy 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.

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

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I'm pleased to join my colleagues in support of H.R.