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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.

GENERAL LEAVE

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.

6260, a bill to 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.

The bill before us was first introduced by my good friend and colleague, Representative ANNA ESHOO from the great State of California, and I yield her such time as she may consume.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague and good friend and classmate Mrs. MALONEY from New York, and I thank our colleague from Texas for his very kind and generous remarks about the designation of the United States post office in Mountain View, California, in my district, as the Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office.

A Mountain View native, Ken Ballard joined the Army at the age of 18. He comes from a distinguished family that have given a long line of military service to our country. He attended basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He went on to bravely serve our Nation in Germany, Bosnia, Macedonia, and Iraq.

On April 3, 2004, Lieutenant Ballard's battalion, the 2nd Battalion, 37th Regiment, 1st Armored Division turned in their weapons and began preparing to return home. The very next day, violence broke out in Baghdad, and shortly thereafter, Lieutenant Ballard's tour was unexpectedly extended for an additional 120 days.

Less than 2 months later, on May 20, 2004, after 9 years of service, Lieutenant Ballard was killed in Najaf, Iraq, by accidental discharge of the M-240 weapon on his vehicle. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars, two with valor device.

Lieutenant Ballard was a true American hero, and his ultimate sacrifice deserves our formal recognition of gratitude, which is what we are doing here today. In paying tribute to him and his service, the House will not only honor his sacrifice, but also that of every brave American who dons a uniform in defense of our Nation each and every day. So many have given their lives so that we may live ours freely, and each deserves our gratitude, our respect, and our remembrance.

I want to thank the city council of Mountain View, California, for their support of this effort, and I want to pay tribute to Lieutenant Ballard's mother, Karen Meredith, for her unswerving advocacy on behalf of her son that the truth would be documented and put forward, and of course her support in the renaming of the post office of his hometown after him.

So I urge my colleagues to vote for this legislation. I thank everyone on a bipartisan basis that has been involved in this.

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Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague and compliment her on

her very moving tribute, not only to her constituent but to all the men and women who serve our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their support of this renaming in honor of a true American hero. And noting that I have no additional speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I join the gentlelady from California and the gentlelady from New York in support of this legislation honoring Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard, naming the post office the Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office, and urge my colleagues to enthusiastically support H.R. 6260.

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. 6260.

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.

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RELATING TO THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE DANIEL K. INOUE, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 839

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) receives with profound sorrow the news of the death of the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, a Senator from the State of Hawaii;

(2) authorizes the Speaker to appoint such Members as he may designate to serve with members of the Senate as a committee to represent the House in attendance at the funeral of the Senator;

(3) directs the Clerk to communicate this resolution to the Senate and transmit a copy to the family of the Senator; and

(4) when it adjourns today, does so as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Senator.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Hawaii is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, my State of Hawaii and our Nation lost a truly great man, Senator Daniel K. Inouye. He began serving our country when he was only 17 years old, joining the Army after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

At that time, many questioned the patriotism of people who looked like

him, but for Senator Inouye that was precisely why he joined the service. He was a true patriot. He loved this country and was willing to do whatever he could to defend it. In fact, he lost his arm charging a series of machine gun nests on a hill on San Terenzo, Italy, on April 21, 1945. His heroic actions rightly earned him the Medal of Honor.

He was the embodiment of the Greatest Generation: courage, sacrifice, humility, and love of country. It's why the commitment to serve and protect those who fight for our country has always been one he took personally. It's why he always stood up for the ideals of freedom and justice that our country is founded upon, because he saw firsthand what happens when we don't. And it's why he was always proud to stand up for our heritage in Hawaii.

The truth is, Senator Inouye deeply loved our beautiful State of Hawaii. Half a century ago, he had a vision of the Hawaii we inherit from him today. Over his many decades of service, he displayed a builder's skill, pouring the foundation of the modern and vibrant Hawaii that is his legacy. And so the greatest tribute we can pay Senator Inouye is to acquire his vision, apply his skills, and build on the remarkable foundation he laid for us, from strengthening our schools and university to building our roads and bridges.

And just today, our State marked another milestone led by Senator Inouye. We signed a full funding grant agreement with the U.S. Government for our Oahu rail project. This was a project championed by Senator Inouye through many years, through many ups and downs.

The Senator saw the future of Hawaii often before others did; and when he saw something that was going to better the lives of the people in Hawaii, he always fought for it. This is probably one of the things he will be remembered for the most, his tenacity in fighting for the people of Hawaii and for doing what is right.

And while he may have been a fierce competitor, he was always a gentle spirit. In a Washington that, at times, is so torn apart by partisanship, Dan Inouye always worked to defuse that situation and bring us together. He understood that words mattered as much as actions, and he always worked to elevate the debate.

And he stood by his friends, no matter their political stripes. It's why we've all heard from people on both sides of the aisle, and some who are speaking today, who are so saddened by his death by what our country lost this week.

I received a message from our good friend and brother, ENI FALEOMAVAEGA from American Samoa. He is traveling overseas and asked that I mention his deep condolences to the people of Hawaii.

Eni, like so many, calls Senator Inouye a mentor. He taught us all lessons we'll never forget. Simply put, Senator Inouye was an extraordinary