

a mess attendant on the battleship *West Virginia* when the attack started.

During the attack and under heavy enemy fire, Miller bravely rose above and beyond the call of duty by aiding mortally wounded Captain Mervyn Bennon and then manning a .50-caliber anti-aircraft machine gun. He returned fire upon the enemy until he was out of ammunition, reportedly shooting down one to three enemy planes.

In the final moments before the USS *West Virginia* sank, Miller continued his heroism by carrying many of his wounded shipmates to safety and saving the lives of several sailors in the process.

The story of Petty Officer Miller's bravery is a testament to his outstanding courage and commitment to serving his country. In May of 1942, in recognition of his heroism at Pearl Harbor, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz commended and awarded Miller the Navy Cross, the second-highest military decoration for valor.

Admiral Nimitz commented that Miller's bravery "marks the first time in this conflict that such high tribute has been made in the Pacific Fleet to a member of his race, and I am sure in the future we will see others similarly honored for brave acts."

Miller continued his naval service in the Pacific war theater. During the spring of 1943, he was assigned to the USS *Liscome Bay*, an escort carrier involved in Operation Galvanic. During the ship's mission, on November 24, 1943, a Japanese submarine torpedoed the escort carrier, and within minutes the vessel sank. Petty Officer Miller was one of the 646 brave sailors that gave the ultimate sacrifice aboard the *Liscome Bay* that day.

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In addition to being awarded the Navy Cross, Miller was decorated with the Purple Heart Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Petty Officer Miller's actions at Pearl Harbor led him to be recognized as one of the heroes of World War II, and in doing so, he distinguished himself as a great African American hero in U.S. history.

Miller's story has become iconic as one of the heroic tales of bravery during World War II. Most notably, the portrayal of Miller by actor Cuba Gooding, Jr., in the 2001 movie "Pearl Harbor," paid great tribute to Miller's heroics aboard the *West Virginia* that day.

Each year, the Waco VA medical center assists thousands of central Texas veterans with their health care needs. By naming the center after Miller, we not only pay honor to his service and his sacrifice, but to that of all veterans.

The tremendous courage and bravery Miller showed during the attack on Pearl Harbor is worthy of such an

honor. In naming the center after a local hero, we will preserve the memory of Miller's outstanding valor and duty for generations to come.

Finally, I want to thank all of those who made this legislation possible. I want to thank Chairman MILLER and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee for their assistance. I would also like to thank the House Members of the Texas delegation for their 100 percent cosponsorship of this legislation. In addition, I want to thank Texas Senator CORNYN and Texas Senator CRUZ for introducing identical legislation in the Senate.

Additionally, I want to thank Waco Mayor Malcolm Duncan, McLennan County Commissioner Lester Gibson, and McLennan County Judge Scott Felton for their local support.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank the Texas chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, the Texas Veterans Commission, and the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations for lending their support to this recognition of a Texas hero.

Again, I urge and support the passage of H.R. 4199.

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my thanks to Mr. FLORES and the entire Texas delegation for bringing this legislation.

I grew up studying about Dorie Miller. He was one of those who we knew should be honored, but there were many on that day. Among them was Joseph Henry Washington, who was serving on the USS *Arizona* on December 7 at the time of this attack. He survived, and I recently wrote about him.

There were many great men and women serving during this time who have gone unattended to, and I thank you so much for recognizing this one. I hope, as we continue our service here, that we will continue to look into the backgrounds and experiences of those others who have not yet been recognized and do the appropriate recognition at the proper time.

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

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from South Carolina for his words and for his constructive and inspiring thoughts. I thank the sponsor for bringing this excellent piece of legislation forward. I encourage all Members to support H.R. 4199.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4199.

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.

## JASON CRISP FOREST SERVICE BUILDING

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4360) to designate the facility of the United States Forest Service for the Grandfather Ranger District located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, as the "Jason Crisp Forest Service Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4360

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

### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF JASON CRISP FOREST SERVICE BUILDING, NEBO, NORTH CAROLINA.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the Grandfather Ranger District of the United States Forest Service located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Jason Crisp Forest Service 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 "Jason Crisp Forest Service Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BENISHEK) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill H.R. 4360.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4360, a bill that would name the administrative building for the Grandfather District of the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina for Officer Jason Crisp.

Officer Crisp spent 8 years serving in the McDowell County Sheriff's Office and serving in different roles in the community where he grew up. He graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 2005, when he returned to western North Carolina to begin his career marking timber for the Forest Service and, later, to work in a K-9 unit, along with his partner, Maros.

Like other Forest Service officers, Officer Crisp and Maros were charged with protecting the National Forest and those in its boundaries, which they did with distinction. Officer Crisp and Maros often assisted in manhunts and other searches in the National Forest and surrounding community as part of their duty.

Officer Crisp was not on duty on March 12 when he received a phone call about a murder suspect on the loose.

Nevertheless, he selflessly agreed to assist, demonstrating his commitment to keeping his community safe.

This selfless attitude of dedication is prevalent among the men and women of the Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations division. Officer Crisp's life was senselessly taken in the line of duty on March 12, while assisting local and State police forces in the manhunt.

He leaves behind a wife, Amanda, and two sons, Garrett and Logan.

As we mourn the loss of Officer Crisp, we want to thank the Crisp family for Officer Crisp's years of service. Naming this building is a small token of thanks to Officer Crisp's family, in order to honor his memory and his service.

While Officer Crisp will be missed, naming the Forest Service building in his honor will be a reminder to the citizens of western North Carolina of all that he meant to the community.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4360. H.R. 4360 designates a facility at the United States Forest Service Grandfather Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina the Jason Crisp Forest Service Building after United States Forest Service Officer Jason Crisp.

Officer Crisp and his canine, Maros, were tragically killed in the line of duty on March 12 in Burke County, North Carolina. Officer Crisp was off duty, but nonetheless assisted local authorities in the manhunt for a murder suspect on the loose.

This selflessness is demonstrative of Officer Crisp's commitment to the safety and security of his community, a commitment shared by our many dedicated Forest Service officers.

Designating this building the Jason Crisp Forest Service Building is our way of thanking and honoring Officer Crisp and his family—his wife, sons, parents, sister, and brothers—for his 16 years of service to the United States Forest Service.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4360.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS), the author of this legislation.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan, and I thank my friend from South Carolina for their support of this bill.

I also want to thank, Mr. Speaker, Chairman LUCAS and Ranking Member PETERSON for their help in bringing this bill to the floor. Without their help, truly, we would not be here today. It is an honor not only to work with them both, but their staffs on this legislation, and so I would also like to thank the entire North Carolina delegation for their support.

On March 12, 2014, just this year, just a few months ago, Officer Jason Crisp

and his canine, Maros, were shot and killed in Burke County, North Carolina. He was off duty at the time. The call came at home. When it came in, he was very quick to respond and participate in a manhunt to track down someone—a suspect who had committed two murders. It was the kind of selfless service that was not unique and not a one-time thing for Officer Crisp.

Just 5 days later, a memorial service was held in his honor, and we had thousands of law enforcement officers from all across the region come to honor his service, as well as other elected officials in government.

The bill we are considering today would name the United States Forest Service building in the Grandfather Ranger District in Nebo, North Carolina, as the Jason Crisp Forest Service Building, in honor of Officer Crisp's sacrifice.

Officer Crisp—or Jason, as his family and friends knew him—was 38 years old. He lived in Marion, North Carolina, in McDowell County, in the western part of North Carolina.

He graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 2005, and he became an officer for the Forest Service. He and his dog, Maros, routinely assisted in hunts for suspects in McDowell, Burke, Avery, Watauga, and Caldwell counties.

He also served as a law enforcement reserve officer in the McDowell County Sheriff's Office. He also served as a deputy sheriff there prior to going to work for the U.S. Forest Service.

His wife, Amanda, and his two sons, Garrett and Logan, his parents and sister and two brothers are a reminder that many times, when we have people that serve, there are other people who are involved in that service as well, and so I want to thank them today.

Perhaps the best words were by some of his friends at his memorial that called him warmhearted, always looking out for others, a warrior, and, yes, someone who even played practical jokes.

The release from his family said:

Jason was a loving father, loving husband, and a great friend. He was his wife's best friend and the love of her life. He loved the Lord and was an honest Christian man, who gave his life protecting his friends. He loved doing his job with a passion. The only thing that he loved more than his job was his family and friends. He died a hero. However, he was a hero well before that day.

Maros was also our family member, and he was loved like a child. Jason loved working with Maros.

Thank you to all of the agencies for your hard work, and thank you for all of the prayers, calls, and visits from our family and friends.

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It is an honor for me today to not only recognize Officer Crisp but all the first responders who missed birthdays, anniversaries, dinners, and gatherings to answer the call to protect and serve our communities.

Every day, Mr. Speaker, we expect them to answer the call, serving si-

lently and selflessly. We also expect them to come home. Some do not.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would encourage the passage of H.R. 4360 to rename the Grandfather Ranger District Forest Service building in Nebo, North Carolina, in honor of Officer Jason Crisp, the Jason Crisp Forest Service Building.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 4360 and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4360.

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.

#### DR. CAMERON MCKINLEY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS CENTER

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1216) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1216

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

#### SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Dr. Cameron K. McKinley was born on December 9, 1930, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

(2) Dr. McKinley served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in Shreveport, Louisiana, from 1947 to 1949.

(3) Dr. McKinley served valiantly at Wiesbaden Air Force Hospital during and after the Vietnam War, providing therapy to military personnel and their families.

(4) Dr. McKinley served with great distinction as the Chief of Psychology at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Prescott, Arizona, from 1981–1995.

(5) At the Prescott Veterans Affairs Hospital, Dr. McKinley organized a "Rap Group" for Vietnam Era veterans dealing with various degrees of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). That group of veterans formed the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 95.

(6) Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 95, in concert with Dr. McKinley, local leaders, businesses and nonprofit groups petitioned the Federal Government for a free-standing Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC).

(7) Congress authorized 91 new rural VAMCs, among them the Prescott Vet Center. In June of 1985, the Prescott Vet Center opened.

(8) Dr. McKinley spent decades confronting the pressing issue of PTSD by providing cutting-edge psychological and neuropsychological assessments to the returning veterans of three wars. He produced targeted action plans for veterans suffering from PTSD, giving them tools to deal with their afflictions and transition successfully back into civilian life.