

Certainly, Josh's sacrifice and that of his family is worthy of recognition in any number of ways, including naming a post office in the city he called home, but recognition of his own work wasn't Josh's way.

Before Noah Townsend came to me with this idea, he talked with Josh's parents. Josh's mother, Kayla Witsman, was thankful for the gesture, but she could hear her son saying: Mom, it is not just about me.

This young man, who gave his life for his country, and his mother's interpretation of what his wishes would have been is correct. There are so many heroes that have given their lives for this country worthy of a similar recognition.

In Fountain County, there have been nearly 50 families who have lost someone in service to their country. Let me assure you, Fountain County is not a large population center in Indiana. As wonderful and as welcoming as it is, full of great Hoosiers, it is a farming community. It is not big, except in geography, and 50 families from that community had some die serving their country.

That is why this legislation does not mention Josh Witsman's name. I am proposing that we rename this post office on behalf of not only the Witsman family, but all of the nearly 50 families in Fountain County who have lost loved ones in service to our Nation.

It is my hope, Mr. Speaker, that this will serve as an everlasting tribute to the sacrifices of these soldiers and their families.

In closing, I would also like to thank the entire Indiana House delegation for their support of this legislation as well. On behalf of Josh Witsman's family and all those who have sacrificed, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to vote for this legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3027.

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.

#### BARRY M. GOLDWATER POST OFFICE

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3027) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Barry M. Goldwater Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3027

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

#### SECTION 1. BARRY M. GOLDWATER POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, shall be known and designated as the "Barry M. Goldwater 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 "Barry M. Goldwater Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) 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 in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials 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.

I rise today as the House considers a piece of legislation I introduced, H.R. 3027, which would rename the postal facility at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the Barry M. Goldwater Post Office.

As we know, Barry Goldwater was a businessman turned statesman who served five terms in the United States Senate and was the Republican nominee for the Presidency in 1964.

He served Arizona and our Nation with honor and integrity for decades. Leading up to the 1964 Presidential election, he earned the moniker "Mr. Conservative" for being so influential in the revival of political conservatism. After the 1964 election, he returned to the Senate.

Because of his experience as a senior officer in the Army Air Force Reserve, he took particular interest in national security issues, serving as the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence from 1981 to 1985 and then serving as chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee from 1985 to 1987.

He was instrumental in crafting the Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986, which was the mechanism which brought about one of the most important Defense Department restructurings in U.S. history.

To honor Barry Goldwater's service to this Nation, I have sponsored this legislation which the House is considering today. The entire Arizona delegation, both Republicans and Democrats, are cosponsors of the bill, and for that, I thank each one of them.

It would be a fitting tribute to an honorable Arizonan, one who served this Nation in so many ways. I thank each of my colleagues for their support.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3027, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the Barry M. Goldwater Post Office.

I think we are all aware of the remarkable service from the five-term Senator from Arizona, Barry Morris Goldwater. Senator Goldwater was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 2, 1909. In 1930, Senator Goldwater took over his family's business, and in 1934, he married Margaret "Peggy" Johnson, with whom he had four children.

During World War II, Senator Goldwater served as a pilot and flew over the Himalayas to deliver supplies to the Republic of China in their fight against the Empire of Japan.

Senator Goldwater was a man of courage. He was a dedicated public servant who spoke his mind, stood firm on his beliefs, and worked tirelessly for his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, we should pass this bill to honor Senator Goldwater and remember his legislative accomplishments, his skill in forging compromises, and his commitment to saying what he believed, so I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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

This is a fitting tribute for the citizens of Arizona and particularly those in Yavapai County—and specifically Prescott, Arizona—who want to pay tribute to one of our great Senators in Arizona history, Barry Goldwater.

He had a love affair with Arizona, from the Grand Canyon to its people, its indigenous people from the different tribes, to his way of communicating the art of conservatism to people across the country.

It is a paying tribute that we look to Barry Goldwater to honor us with his name on the post office in Prescott, Arizona.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3027.

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.

#### CAPTAIN HERBERT JOHNSON MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3085) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.  
The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3085

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

**SECTION 1. CAPTAIN HERBERT JOHNSON MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

(a) **DESIGNATION.**—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the “Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial 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 “Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) 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 in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials 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.

H.R. 3085, proposed by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI), will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building.

Fire Captain Herbert Johnson was an outstanding member of Chicago’s fire department, proudly serving the city and its people for 32 years as a firefighter. Tragically, Johnson passed away on November 2, 2012, while battling flames in Chicago’s Englewood neighborhood.

A decorated firefighter, Johnson earned the Illinois Medal of Honor in 2007 for the rescue of several children from a burning apartment. Captain Johnson was only 54.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3085, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building.

I want to thank Representative DAN LIPINSKI for introducing this measure to honor a hero from the city of Chicago. Captain Johnson was a 32-year veteran firefighter who was remembered by friends and family as an all-around great guy and great fireman.

Johnson comes from a family of public servants. Three of his brothers serve

as Chicago police officers. His sister is a retired policewoman, and another brother is a Chicago firefighter.

Captain Johnson died after sustaining heavy injuries while responding to a fire in the Gage Park neighborhood of Chicago.

Captain Johnson, who had just been promoted 3 months before his death, is survived by his wife, Susan, a daughter, and two sons.

Mr. Speaker, we should pass this legislation. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of it.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI), the distinguished sponsor of the bill.

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today, I stand to ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3085, a bill I introduced to rename Chicago’s Mount Greenwood Post Office at 3349 West 111th Street in honor of Chicago Fire Captain Herbert “Herbie” Johnson.

Captain Johnson died 2 years ago at the age of 54, while fighting a house fire on Chicago’s South Side. Captain Johnson heroically served in the Chicago Fire Department for over 32 years. He learned public service from his family.

Three of his brothers are Chicago police officers. A sister is a retired Chicago police officer. Another brother is a Chicago firefighter. So his family knows the danger of being a first responder.

Captain Johnson served in almost every Chicago neighborhood as a firefighter, but his heart belonged to the southwest side, especially to the close-knit community of Mount Greenwood.

Over the years, Captain Johnson taught over 1,000 recruits as an instructor at the Robert J. Quinn Fire Academy. He is fondly remembered by those he taught.

After the horrible terrorist attacks of 9/11, Herbert Johnson went to New York City to volunteer with the rescue efforts. In 2007, he was awarded the State’s highest honor for firefighters, the Illinois Medal of Honor, for rescuing several children from a burning apartment building.

Captain Johnson’s life came to a tragic end on November 2, 2012, while battling flames in the attic of a two-story home on Chicago’s South Side.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Susan; two sons, Thomas and Michael; and daughter, Laurie. He also left behind so many others in Mount Greenwood and the surrounding area who knew him well not only as a courageous and dedicated public servant, but also as an outgoing and caring neighbor and friend. The outpouring of grief after his death demonstrated the impact he had on so many people.

Naming a postal facility honoring Fire Captain Johnson is just a small tribute to our community’s appreciation not only for him, but all first re-

sponders who bravely put their lives on the line every day for people they do not know.

This post office naming will ensure that Captain Herbie Johnson, his family, and the sacrifices of all first responders will always be remembered and appreciated. It will hopefully inspire more to follow in his footsteps.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all of my colleagues from Illinois for cosponsoring this bill, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3085 in honoring Captain Herbert “Herbie” Johnson.

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

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3085, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3085.

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.

**STAFF SERGEANT MANUEL V. MENDOZA POST OFFICE BUILDING**

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4416) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4416

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

**SECTION 1. STAFF SERGEANT MANUEL V. MENDOZA POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

(a) **REDESIGNATION.**—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, shall be known and designated as the “Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza 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 “Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) 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 in 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?