

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?

There was no objection.

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

H.R. 4416, introduced by Representative ANN KIRKPATRICK of Arizona, would 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.

Staff Sergeant Mendoza was born in Arizona in 1922. Mendoza entered the United States Army in November of 1942, at the outset of the U.S.'s entry into World War II. Mendoza was a highly decorated soldier. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his action on Mount Battaglia in Italy on October 4, 1944, where it is said he broke up a German counterattack on his own. Mendoza also served with distinction in the Korean war. In addition to the Medal of Honor, Mendoza earned a number of other medals and the Bronze Star. Staff Sergeant Mendoza passed away in 2001.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Arizona, Representative ANN KIRKPATRICK, for introducing H.R. 4416, a bill 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.

Manuel Verdugo Mendoza was born in 1922 in Miami, Arizona. Manuel was known as a man who worked hard to provide for his family.

He married his wife, Alice Gaona, in August 1942, and was drafted into the Army in November of that same year.

Just this year, Manuel was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on October 4, 1944, in Italy. On that day, Staff Sergeant Mendoza is credited with breaking up a German counterattack of 200 troops.

After World War II, Staff Sergeant Mendoza went on to serve with distinction in the Korean war before being honorably discharged in 1954.

Staff Sergeant Mendoza passed away at the age of 79 in 2001. He was survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son. In addition to the Medal of Honor, he also received the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, and a host of other honors and distinctions.

We should pass this bill today to recognize Staff Sergeant Mendoza's service to our Nation and bravery in combat.

With that, I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. KIRKPATRICK), my distinguished colleague, the sponsor of the legislation.

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the late

Staff Sergeant Manuel Mendoza, an American hero, who was born in my Arizona district, and to urge support for my bill to rename the United States Post Office in Miami, Arizona, in his honor.

Staff Sergeant Mendoza was born in 1922 in the eastern Arizona mining town of Miami. At the age of 20, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he was nicknamed "the Arizona Kid" for his heroism in battle.

Staff Sergeant Mendoza posthumously received the Medal of Honor for singlehandedly repelling a 1944 German assault on Italy's Mount Battaglia during World War II. That afternoon, the Germans launched a fierce counterattack against Allied forces, but due to Staff Sergeant Mendoza's determination, bravery, and selflessness, he was able to kill 30 enemy troops and successfully defend the Allied position.

Later in his service, he went on to fight in Korea. After retiring from the Armed Forces, Mr. Mendoza returned to Mesa, Arizona, where he died in 2001. He is survived by his wife and three children.

It is my honor to introduce H.R. 4416, which redesignates 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.

Staff Sergeant Mendoza's service was in keeping with the highest traditions of military service, as he demonstrated outstanding heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

To name a U.S. post office in my district after such a man is not only a credit to him, but to the State of Arizona and our Armed Forces.

On behalf of Arizona's entire delegation, I thank you, Mr. GOSAR, for your support on this bill, and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4416 when it comes to a vote later today.

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

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

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for acknowledging all the members of the Arizona delegation for looking forward to the post office in Miami to be looked at in fond remembrance of "the Arizona Kid." It is fitting that today is an Arizona day for post offices here on the House floor.

With that, I ask all Members of Congress to pass H.R. 4416, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAMALFA). 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. 4416.

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.

VINCENT R. SOMBROTTA POST OFFICE

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2291) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office".

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

H.R. 2291

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

SECTION 1. VINCENT R. SOMBROTTA POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto 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 "Vincent R. Sombrotto 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 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.

H.R. 2291, introduced by Representative CAROLYN MALONEY of New York, would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office.

Vincent Sombrotto was born in Manhattan in 1923. Mr. Sombrotto was a longtime advocate for postal workers. He joined the National Association of Letter Carriers in 1947 and served as its 16th president from 1978 to 2002. He passed away in 2013 at the age of 89.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY of New York, for introducing H.R. 2291, and I join her in supporting this bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office.

Mr. Vincent Raymond Sombrotto was born in New York on June 15, 1923. He joined what was then known as the Post Office Department in 1947 as a