

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

H.R. 2819

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

SECTION 1. VETERANS MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, shall be known and designated as the “Veterans 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 “Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) and the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within 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 Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, at this point, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOHNSON).

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have introduced H.R. 2819, legislation that would name the post office at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, the Veterans Memorial Post Office.

I want to thank all of my colleagues in the Ohio delegation for their support of this legislation.

In my view, veterans are the one segment of our society that most deserves our sincere gratitude and assistance. I am eternally grateful to the brave men and women who have served our country in the past and for those who still serve her today. While this represents a small recognition of our veterans, dedicating the Marietta Post Office pays tribute to America's heroes and serves as a reminder of their great sacrifices in defense of our freedoms.

In addition to a debt of gratitude, our veterans and their families deserve the care and the benefits and the services they were promised and have earned. It is particularly important that we keep our veterans at the forefront of our minds as so many return home from combat, some returning home with wounds that just a few short years ago they might not have survived. We have a responsibility to ensure that all veterans are receiving the very best of care from the VA, as well as all the assistance necessary for a successful transition back to civilian life.

I thank you for the time, Madam Speaker, to speak on this important

measure, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

Madam Speaker, I am also pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 2819, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, as the Veterans Memorial Post Office Building. This legislation recognizes the service of the many men and women from Marietta, Ohio, who have so courageously dedicated their lives to protecting this country.

Every day members of our Nation's military risk their lives to defend the many freedoms Americans enjoy. We must never forget the sacrifices made by these servicemembers and their families. Madam Speaker, we should pass this bill to honor the brave veterans who have given so much to this great country.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, again, what has been said is true. What has been said about veterans and the naming of this post office at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, could ring true on any day and any time, especially now as we look around the world and we know the things that are going on and the things that may occur, but also looking back on those who currently save our Nation here and abroad, it is a fitting tribute to have the Veterans Memorial Post Office Building in Marietta, Ohio, voted on by this House, supported by this House. Just as those who serve our country deserve that support, this is a visible reminder of that support.

With that, I would urge all Members to support passage of H.R. 2819.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2819.

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.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DANIEL M. FERGUSON POST OFFICE

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5089) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5089

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

SECTION 1. SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DANIEL M. FERGUSON POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, shall be known and designated as the “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson 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 “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) and the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within 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 Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, at this point, it is my privilege to also recognize the gentleman from Florida (Mr. ROSS) and yield him such time as he may consume to speak on his bill.

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of a brave soldier and to recognize his dedication to serving his fellow man. His name is Sergeant 1st Class Daniel M. Ferguson.

Sergeant Ferguson was one of the servicemembers whose lives were tragically taken on April 2, 2014, at Fort Hood, Texas. A shooter shook the entire Nation on that somber day when he turned his weapon against his own military community.

We must never forget those who were lost and must remain ever-vigilant to provide medical attention to all veterans in need.

Sergeant Ferguson was a hero to our Nation. He demonstrated sovereign loyalty and selflessness on this horrific day of the shooting. When shots rang out, Sergeant Ferguson, without hesitation, blocked a set of unlocked doors to deflect the attacker's advancement into the room where his comrades remained. He was literally shielding them from the dangers of the shooter.

Sergeant Ferguson's first instinct was to protect, and with that, he saved many uniformed soldiers. Grievously, Sergeant Ferguson succumbed to his wounds and left behind the broken hearts of loved ones. But his brave actions will live on forever.

It is heroes like Sergeant Ferguson who we need not forget but rather we must continue to honor his courage.

Today, I stand in support of H.R. 5089, a bill I introduced that will name

the post office located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, in honor of Sergeant 1st Class Daniel M. Ferguson. His respected name and brave actions will never be forgotten. A veteran of Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan, Sergeant Ferguson will remain in the hearts of his family, friends, and those in the military community.

Please join me in paying respect to Sergeant 1st Class Daniel M. Ferguson for his immeasurable adherence to duty, honor, and country. His name should be voiced for the years to come.

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

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 5089, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the Sergeant 1st Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office.

A Mulberry native, Daniel Ferguson graduated from Mulberry High School, where he lettered in five sports, including football, baseball, and track. He joined the Army in 1993 and served almost 21 years, completing tours of duty in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

In March of 2013, after returning from his deployment, Sergeant 1st Class Ferguson was stationed as an Army transportation supervisor at Fort Hood, Texas. On April 2, 2014, Sergeant 1st Class Ferguson was working on base when a shooting rampage broke out. In a final act of courage and service to his country, Ferguson held himself against an unlocked door, using his body as a shield to block the shooter from firing into a room full of his colleagues.

Although Ferguson was tragically killed that day, his valiant actions saved the lives of many other soldiers. Ferguson is survived by his fiancée, fellow soldier Kristen Haley, and is remembered for his loyalty, fearlessness, and heroism. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal, among others, for his honorable military service.

Madam Speaker, we should pass this bill to recognize the bravery and courage exhibited both at home and on the battlefield by Sergeant 1st Class Daniel Ferguson and to commemorate the great sacrifice made by him and his family.

I urge adoption of H.R. 5089, and I yield the balance of my time.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, again, we are recognizing here someone who shows that heroism is not confined to a battlefield, it is not confined to a place; it is a state of mind, it is a state of being, and our armed services are full of those individuals who do so. Sergeant Ferguson is one who is to be remembered, as my friend from Florida stated, not just for the fact that he served but for the fact that he served honorably around the world and served honorably on that tragic day on which he put his life before others, and others were saved because of it.

For that, it is with honor that I would ask that all Members support H.R. 5089, and I thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. ROSS) for bringing this forward, letting us rejoice also in one who sacrificed for our country and also has something for us to look forward to, as well, in our own service in the measure in which he lived.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5089.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

LARCENIA J. BULLARD POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2678) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2678

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

SECTION 1. LARCENIA J. BULLARD POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Larcenia J. Bullard 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 "Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) and the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within 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 Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2678, which was introduced by Representative JOE GARCIA of Florida. This bill would designate the postal facility located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building.

Larcenia Bullard was a schoolteacher and member of the Florida State senate representing the 39th district from 2002 to 2012. She also served in the Florida State House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000.

Born Larcenia Dunbar on July 21, 1947, she was a graduate of Antioch College in Ohio and moved to the Miami area from Philadelphia in the early 1980s. She earned her master's degree from Southeastern Nova University and taught first grade but had developed a desire for public service while working on political campaigns in high school and decided to run for office. She was elected to the Florida State House of Representatives in 1992. When she left the State house in 2000, she managed her husband Edward's successful campaign to succeed her. Likewise, her son, Dwight, succeeded her as a State senator following her retirement.

Larcenia Bullard is remembered as a woman of integrity with a great sense of humor, caring spirit, and a heart of gold. While she fought passionately for her convictions, she treated everyone, including her opponents, with respect and dignity. At the time of her passing, Florida State Senate President Don Gaetz said:

Every hard fight in committee or tough debate on the senate floor always ended with her warmly embracing those with whom she disagreed and assuring them of her love.

Madam Speaker, Larcenia's example is one that all Members of this body would do well to follow. She died in March of 2013 in the town of her birth, Allendale, South Carolina, while on vacation with her family.

In addition to her husband, Edward, and son, Dwight, she was survived by her son, Vincent; daughter, Edwina; and her grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the legacy of this great woman and public servant by passing H.R. 2678.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I am proud to join with my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 2678 and would like to yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida, Representative GARCIA, my good friend who has sponsored this legislation.

Mr. GARCIA. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Georgia and the gentleman from Nevada for their kind words.

Larcenia Bullard was a teacher, a public servant, a trailblazer for young, African American women, a mother, and a personal friend of mine. I am