

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JODY B. HICE).

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from North Carolina for yielding.

I also rise in support of H.R. 4747, to designate the U.S. post office in honor of Riverdale Police Major Gregory E. Barney.

I also sincerely want to thank Congressman DAVID SCOTT from Georgia's 13th District for his great leadership on this bill.

As has been spoken already, Major Barney led a life of service both to his community and of devotion to his family. Starting his career as a firefighter and then later serving in an ambulance squad, Major Barney joined the Riverdale Police Department in 1990. There he served for the next 25 years, as has already been mentioned, serving, ultimately, as the first African American chief of police in Riverdale.

Tragically, as we have heard tonight, his life ended in a shooting while trying to execute a no-knock warrant. On that tragic night of February 11, he gave his life trying to bring drug dealers to justice. Although I did not know him personally, from all accounts, Major Greg Barney died just as he lived: going above and beyond the call of duty to make his community a better place.

It is fitting that the Riverdale Post Office that we are discussing is directly across the street from the Riverdale Police Department. It will serve as a daily reminder to all who enter those buildings of Major Barney's dedication to the community and of his valor in the line of duty.

Also, as has been mentioned, I would like for us to remember his loving wife, Lisa, and twin teenage boys, Robert and Greg, in our thoughts and prayers while they continue to mourn his passing.

I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 4747.

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND).

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today that my colleague, Congressman DAVID SCOTT, asked me to participate in this.

My father was a firefighter for 26 years in the city of Atlanta, and he died answering an alarm in 1972. So I understand the heartache of a family when a loved one goes to do their job, to be that first responder, that first person on the scene, and does not come back.

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I think it is particularly interesting that, in this case, this officer and his colleagues were serving a no-knock warrant. No-knock warrants are issued by a judge because they are basically the most protective type of warrant for

a police officer because they go in, and they know there is criminal activity or there are drug sales, gambling, or whatever the circumstance is, that they can go in.

Major Barney was out in the field and happened to give chase to a gentleman who ran out the back door. A lot of times when these first responders put their lives on the line, I don't think people understand that they have got a wife, such as he had, Lisa, sons, Robert and Greg, who he wanted to go home to that night. Those boys wanted their daddy to come home, and that wife wanted her husband to come home. He was out serving the community.

I think that is one of the great attributes that, if you look at Major Barney and how other people looked at him, it is what he did for his family, what he did for his community and all the different services that have already been mentioned here tonight. A lot of times, for some reason, the public does not want to understand that these law enforcement officers, these first responders, these medics who go out and do this, they do this for the protection of all of us—at the risk of their lives. Major Barney gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I think, as we remember his family and the other families tonight, we should remember them for a while and thank them.

We have just recently had another officer who was killed. We have to remember these people and their families and not only pray for the protection of the public servant, but pray for those families that, when that loved one leaves their house, like in my case, and you don't know whether your loved one is coming back, pray for them that they would have that strength and that encouragement and that love to let that loved one go do their job.

How appropriate, as has been mentioned, that this post office is right across the street from the Riverdale Police Department. A post office is somewhere where the community comes and gathers and talks. I don't think there is any more honorable tribute. I have lived in Riverdale. I know that area. I know that post office. I know how the community respects that, so there could be no greater tribute than to have a post office named after you.

I want to encourage all my colleagues to help us send a great message to this hero's family and support H.R. 4747.

Again, I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DAVID SCOTT), my friend, for letting me participate in this.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill.

I 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. WALKER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4747.

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.

LCPL GARRETT W. GAMBLE, USMC POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4877) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4877

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

SECTION 1. LCPL GARRETT W. GAMBLE, USMC POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC 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 "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALKER. 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. WALKER. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4877, introduced by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON). H.R. 4877 designates the post office located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building.

Lance Corporal Gamble was a determined young man. Before he even graduated high school, he already decided to join the Marines. Less than a year after being deployed in Afghanistan, Gamble was killed when he stepped on an enemy land mine.

Mr. Speaker, Garrett Gamble's life was taken far too soon. Naming a post office after him is just a small honor we can give to a man who gave his life for his country. I urge Members to support this bill to name a post office in Gamble's honor.

I will soon yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON), my colleague and the bill's sponsor, to tell us more about the honorable soldier Lance Corporal Garrett W. Gamble.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 4877, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service in Sugar Land, Texas, as LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building.

It has been stated that this amazing young man was only 20 years old when he gave the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan. Garrett will be remembered for his bravery, his determination, and, it has been said, a big personality. He is survived by his parents, stepfather, and two younger brothers.

Mr. Speaker, I think, again, we are seeing multiple examples of our brave, dedicated citizens in the United States giving the ultimate sacrifice. I feel strongly that we should pass this bill to commemorate Lance Corporal Gamble's sacrifice for his country.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON).

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from North Carolina. I would also like to thank the chairman of the full committee, Mr. CHAFFETZ, the ranking member, Mr. CUMMINGS, and the entire committee for getting H.R. 4877 to the House floor this afternoon.

This bill names a post office a few miles from my home after Lance Corporal Garrett Gamble, United States Marine Corps. Garrett died defending our freedom on March 11, 2010, in Afghanistan. He was 20 years young.

Garrett died before I could meet him, but I will never forget him because of the stories I was told after God called him home. His mother, Chelle, told me about a 10-year-old boy who got very angry when he saw those towers fall, the plane crash into the Pentagon, and the plane go down in rural Pennsylvania on 9/11. He never wanted to see his homeland attacked like that again. The drive to join the Marine Corps had started, and that drive would never end.

Garrett wanted to destroy evil. He knew that joining the Marine Corps was his calling when he saw al Qaeda's evil firsthand. Garrett and some marines were on a foot patrol in a small Afghan village. Garrett must have flashed that big smile because a young Afghan boy waved at Garrett. Garrett waved back and held up a small mint for the boy to have.

The boy walked up slowly, took the mint, and ran to his father to show him what the American had given him. Garrett watched in horror as the dad beat the tar out of his son. He kicked him; he punched him; he knocked him senseless. Garrett wanted to shoot, but he could not. He got back to base and asked the old-timers what the heck happened. Why did that boy get beat for this small mint?

The old-timers told him, al Qaeda was watching. When we left, they may go to that man's home and kill that man—the father, his boy, his mother, his sisters, his brothers. That was a plea from the father: Don't kill my family. My boy did wrong by taking this small mint. Please leave us alone.

Garrett knew he was no longer fighting for America; he was fighting for people all over the world who craved freedom.

The final story says everything about Garrett. When he finally enlisted, he was a junior in high school—Austin High School, the Bulldogs. He told his best friend: I have done it. I have joined the Marine Corps.

His best friend became irate. He never thought Garrett would do that. He never thought he would join the Marine Corps. He said: I can't believe you joined the Marine Corps. You may get killed. I would never, ever join the Corps.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. OLSON. I thank my friend from North Carolina.

Garrett, in an act of true human love, put his arms on his best friend's shoulders, looked him square in the eye, and whispered: That is why I did it. That is why I did it.

Garrett did not earn this honor by his death; he earned it by his life. Because of this bill, Garrett's love will be on permanent display at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, the Garrett W. Gamble Post Office.

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 4877.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill.

I 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. WALKER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4877.

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.

PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS CALEB A. NELSON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill

(H.R. 4975) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5720 South 142nd Street in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb A. Nelson Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H. R. 4975

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

SECTION 1. PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS CALEB A. NELSON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5720 South 142nd Street in Omaha, Nebraska, shall be known and designated as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb A. Nelson 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 "Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb A. Nelson Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. WALKER. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4975, introduced by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. ASHFORD).

Petty Officer Nelson was a Navy SEAL who served a tour of duty in Iraq and, later, another tour in Afghanistan. On his 2011 tour in Afghanistan, he was killed when his vehicle struck an explosive device.

His friends and family remember him as a cherished teammate, a gifted SEAL operator, and a loving husband and father.

Mr. Speaker, Petty Officer Nelson made a great sacrifice by giving his life in the service of his country. I urge Members to honor his sacrifice by naming a post office in his honor.

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

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. ASHFORD), the sponsor of this bill.

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Mr. ASHFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman of the committee and the ranking member for helping us get this legislation through today. I also thank my fellow Nebraskans, Congressman FORTENBERRY and Congressman SMITH,