

perseverance, he achieved this dream as a San Diego law enforcement officer, serving in many different roles within the San Diego Police Department, including serving on the gang suppression unit.

A devoted public servant, J.D. felt most rewarded by the bonds he created through community engagement. J.D.'s family, his friends, and fellow officers characterized him as a selfless, honorable, and caring warrior. San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman praised J.D. saying: "He always raised the bar" and "cared deeply for his community."

In 2003, he survived a brutal stabbing from a suspect he had stopped for speeding. A true warrior, indeed, upon recovery, he quickly returned to the force to defend the people of San Diego. In that same year, he was awarded the San Diego Police Department's Purple Heart for bravery in the line of duty. Although he appreciated the gesture, the accolades were not what motivated him to serve. The reactions of the community brought J.D. true fulfillment.

Tragically, on July 28, 2016, Officer De Guzman, a 16-year veteran of the force, was shot multiple times at point-blank range and killed. Prosecutors on the case say the attack happened so quickly that J.D. never had the opportunity to pull his service weapon.

On August 5, thousands—I mean thousands—of fellow officers and private citizens lined the streets of San Diego for J.D.'s funeral procession, tossing flowers along the path, holding signs, and waving American flags. I can assure you, it was really a moving experience. The amount of love and admiration I witnessed that day showed just how deeply he touched the lives of everyone he encountered in a life that was cut much too short.

He was only 43 years old. He was a beloved son to his proud parents, a caring husband to his adoring wife, Mary Jane, and a hero to their beautiful children, Amira and Jonathan, Jr. I had the pleasure of meeting with his family and some of his close friends to offer my deepest condolences. I saw the wound that was left behind, a wound that may never truly be healed, but through loving memories of their time together, combined with the support of the community, his strong family will endure the pain.

While nothing will ever fill the void, we can take action today to ensure that his legacy will never be forgotten. J.D. made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our community, and this bill will mean that future generations will know and understand the commitment that Officer De Guzman made and our law enforcement officers continue to make every day.

I urge you to vote "yes" on H.R. 5948 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 830 Kuhn Drive in Chula Vista, California, as the Jonathan "J.D." De Guzman Post Office Building. This post office sits right in the Eastlake community

that Officer De Guzman called home and will stand as a lasting remembrance of a true role model and American hero.

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

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of the bill. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5948—An Act to designate the United States Postal Service facility in Chula Vista as the "Johnathan 'J.D.' De Guzman Post Office Building." This legislation is sponsored by my colleague, the gentlewoman from San Diego, Susan Davis. I urge my colleagues to support this bill, so that we may forever honor the sacrifice that Officer De Guzman made for the San Diego community and our great nation.

San Diego Police Officer Johnathan 'J.D.' De Guzman was a true American hero who was killed in the line of duty. Born in the Philippines on September 17, 1972, Officer De Guzman traveled to the United States at the age of 20 and eventually became an American citizen. He believed deeply in the American Dream and in the importance of public service and community involvement, leading him to join the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) in 2000.

Officer De Guzman was a SDPD 16 year veteran and a member of the department's gang suppression unit. In 2003, he received the SDPD's Purple Heart. Officer De Guzman was characterized as a caring, selfless, honorable, and courageous individual. It wasn't uncommon for him to show up at his children's school and engage students about careers in law enforcement.

Tragically, Officer De Guzman was killed while on patrol on July 28th, 2016. He is survived by his parents, his wife Mary Jane, and his two children Amira and Jonathan De Guzman II.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 5948.

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. 5948.

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.

#### U.S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION "SEABEES" FALLEN HEROES POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6138) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 560 East Pleasant Valley Road, Port Hueneme, California, as the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion "Seabees" Fallen Heroes Post Office Building.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6138

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

#### SECTION 1. U.S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION "SEABEES" FALLEN HEROES POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 560 East Pleasant Valley Road, Port Hueneme, California, shall be known and designated as the "U.S. Naval Construction Battalion 'Seabees' Fallen Heroes 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 "U.S. Naval Construction Battalion 'Seabees' Fallen Heroes Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) 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. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6138, introduced by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BROWNLEY). The bill designates a post office in Port Hueneme, California, as the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion "Seabees" Fallen Heroes Post Office Building.

The Seabees were founded during World War II to help complete construction projects, such as airstrips and bridges necessary to help U.S. servicemen win the war. These brave servicemen and -women have since risked their lives in many conflicts to build bases, roadways, airstrips, and other construction projects, often in combat zones while under fire.

I look forward to hearing more about the achievements of the Seabees from the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BROWNLEY). For now, I urge Members to support the bill.

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

Ms. PLASKETT. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 6138, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 560 East Pleasant Valley Road, Port Hueneme, California, as the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion "Seabees" Fallen Heroes Post Office Building.

For over 70 years, the Seabees have provided critical naval construction capabilities during times of war. They assisted in the Normandy invasion during World War II, cut a mountain in half, and carved through a jungle to build a runway during the Korean war, constructed military facilities during

the Vietnam and gulf wars, and supported combat forces in Iraq. Today they continue to build and maintain bases and infrastructure for coalition forces in the global war on terror.

In addition to their military support, the Seabees have also provided vital humanitarian assistance around the world in times of peace. They have helped rebuild after devastating earthquakes, such as the one in Haiti in 2010, and they have led various construction projects in a number of undeveloped countries.

Mr. Speaker, we should pass this bill to honor the brave men and women who have played such an important role in both our military and humanitarian efforts around the globe. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 6138.

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

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BROWNLEY).

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, as the very proud representative of Naval Base Ventura County, the West Coast home of the Navy Seabees, I rise today in support of H.R. 6138, which would designate the United States Postal Office in Port Hueneme, California, as the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion "Seabees" Fallen Heroes Post Office Building.

My bill is intended to honor the many brave men and women of the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion, also known as the Seabees, who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. In their more than 70-year history, the Seabees have diligently and honorably served our great Nation in times of war and peace with their renowned can-do spirit. They say: "The difficult we do immediately. The impossible takes a little longer."

First established in 1942 after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Seabees were created to meet the demand for capable builders who could also fight. Their motto is "We build, we fight." During World War II, over 250,000 Seabees passed through the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Port Hueneme on their way to or from the Pacific theater.

The Seabees also played vital roles in the Korean war, the Vietnam war, the Persian Gulf war, the Iraq war, and in Afghanistan, moving the immovable and taming the untamable to build bases, roadways, airstrips, and other critical infrastructure necessary for our troops to succeed in their missions.

Although primarily known as builders, many Seabees fought tenaciously throughout these conflicts, side by side with other servicemembers. For instance, Construction Mechanic Third Class Marvin Glenn Shields, who trained at Port Hueneme, battled bravely alongside U.S. Special Forces in the Battle of Dong Xoai in Vietnam despite being badly wounded. Ignoring

his wounds, Marvin helped return a wounded special forces second lieutenant back to safety while destroying a Viet Cong machine gun emplacement. His bravery and heroism cost him his life. For his conspicuous gallantry, Marvin was awarded the Medal of Honor after his death.

My bill would honor the contributions of all of our fallen Seabees to our Nation. I am both honored and proud to lead this effort to recognize the heroism of many brave Seabees like Marvin Shields who have paid so dearly for our freedom. We are forever indebted to them for their immense service to our Nation.

Finally, I would like to thank the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for supporting my bill, as well as my colleagues from California who are all cosponsors of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 6138.

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

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I urge the 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 Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6138.

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. ROSCOE C. BROWN, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6282) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2024 Jerome Avenue, in Bronx, New York, as the "Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6282

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

#### SECTION 1. DR. ROSCOE C. BROWN, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2024 Jerome Avenue, in Bronx, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. 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 "Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) 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. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6282, introduced by the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO). The bill designates a post office in the Bronx, New York, as the Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Post Office Building.

As a member of the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II, Dr. Brown was the first African American fighter pilot to shoot down a German fighter jet. After serving in World War II, Dr. Brown earned his Ph.D. at New York University, where he later taught, and served as the president of Bronx Community College.

His service to the Nation is admirable, and I look forward to learning more about his extraordinary life from my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO).

I urge Members to support the bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 6282, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2024 Jerome Avenue, in the Bronx, New York, as the Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Post Office Building.

Born in 1922, Dr. Roscoe Brown, Jr. fell in love with aviation after visiting the Smithsonian Institution. During World War II, Dr. Brown joined the Tuskegee Airmen, conducting 68 missions and becoming the first African American fighter pilot to shoot down a German fighter jet. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, and, in 2007, Dr. Brown and his fellow remaining Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush.

Following his honorable military service, Dr. Brown earned his Ph.D. at New York University and served as the president of Bronx Community College for 17 years. He also served as an informal adviser to many political leaders in New York City and founded 100 Black Men, an organization dedicated to improving conditions for African Americans.

Mr. Speaker, we should pass H.R. 6282 to commemorate the selflessness exhibited by Dr. Roscoe Brown, Jr.'s military and community service. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO).

(Mr. SERRANO asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)