

INTRODUCTION OF NAMING THE
POST OFFICE ON NORTH TUSTIN
STREET IN ORANGE, CALIFORNIA
THE SPECIALIST TREVOR A.
WIN'E POST OFFICE

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Army Specialist Trevor Anthony Win'E from my district in the city of Orange, California.

Specialist Win'E was a young man of strong convictions. A few months after 9/11, he joined the Army on May 1, 2002, to serve his country. After Basic Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he arrived at Fort Lee, Virginia for the petroleum supply specialist course. Upon his graduation from that course in October 2002, Specialist Win'E was then assigned to the 24th Quartermaster Supply Company at Fort Lewis, Washington. In November 2003, the Company, was scheduled to deploy to Iraq. At the same time, Specialist Win'E was on orders to move to South Korea but approached his commander and he asked to deploy and serve alongside his fellow soldiers in the unit. He was granted that request to continue with his unit to Iraq.

Sadly, while serving in Tikrit, his convoy was attacked by improvised explosive devices. Specialist Win'E was in the lead truck. Tragically, the following day, May 1, 2004, Specialist Win'E died from injuries sustained during that attack. He was only 22 years old.

Therefore, to honor his service to our nation, I am introducing legislation—with the support of the entire California delegation—to name the facility of the United States Postal Service located on North Tustin Street in Orange, California as the Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the memory of Specialist Trevor A. Win'E by supporting my legislation to name a Post Office facility in his hometown after the young man so that his service and sacrifice may be remembered.

HONORING PRINCE HALL
UNIVERSAL LODGE NO. 1

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 173 years of service of the Prince Hall Universal Lodge No. 1 of Alexandria, Virginia.

The Prince Hall Free Masonry began in Alexandria in 1845. Over the past 173 years, Universal Lodge No. 1 has worked on significant issues such as slavery, education and schools, church buildings, and the general welfare of African Americans. I greatly commend their many years of service to the Alexandria community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 51 for final passage of H.R. 4547, which took place Monday, February 5, 2018, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. As a cosponsor of this bill, I would have voted Aye had I been present.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROGER
MCFARLIN

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Roger McFarlin, who retired at the end of last year after forty-five years of service as a family physician in my district.

Dr. McFarlin grew up in Hillsboro, Illinois, where he graduated high school in 1962. After finishing medical school in Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. McFarlin practiced in both Colorado and Montana before moving back to Hillsboro to be close to home.

Since then, Dr. McFarlin has taken care of hundreds of patients in the area, who, according to his wife, are not just their patients, but family and friends. For nearly fifty years, he's made house calls and hospital visits, and has become a familiar name to most in Montgomery County.

Dr. McFarlin has been an important voice in the healthcare community for over forty-five years. He previously sat on the board of directors for Hillsboro Area Hospital and was the medical director for the Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He also served on the board for the Montgomery County Health Department and is a longtime member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

He has been awarded the Hillsboro Education Foundation's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005 and also received the Rural Physician of Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association; true testaments to Dr. McFarlin's dedication to his patients and his commitment to providing excellent healthcare to families.

Dr. McFarlin plans to enjoy his retirement with his wife, Doris, on their farm. I'm thankful for Dr. McFarlin's many years of service to patients in Central Illinois. I wish him and his family the best as they start this new chapter.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF
ROBERT YOUNGDEER

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Robert Youngdeer of the Qualla Boundary in Swain County, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Chief

Youngdeer for his decades of service to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the United States of America.

Chief Youngdeer was born in Ravensford, NC near the town of Cherokee, NC in Western North Carolina. After graduating from High School, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Marines for eight years. Chief Youngdeer served in World War II and had been in the service for two years when he was wounded during the battle of Guadalcanal and was awarded with a Purple Heart. After serving with the Marines for eight years, he then joined the Army Paratroopers and retired after twenty years of military service to our nation.

After leaving the military, Chief Youngdeer served in numerous law enforcement positions in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agencies, working with tribes in Alaska, Arizona, North Dakota, Mississippi and South Dakota. Chief Youngdeer returned to Cherokee, North Carolina and served as the Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from 1983 to 1987. Since his time as Chief of the Eastern Band, Chief Youngdeer has been bestowed the title of "Honored Man" by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and has been honored by the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation. Chief Youngdeer married Geneva Alene Stafford Youngdeer on Nov. 6, 1943, and together they have two children, Merritt and Judy.

Chief Youngdeer is revered by many for his lifetime of service to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and to the United States of America. As a serviceman and as Chief, he has always put the needs of others ahead of himself. Western North Carolina has been blessed to have such an extraordinary leader in our community. For his faithful service to the people of Western North Carolina, I express to Chief Youngdeer the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina.

HONORING VICTORIA GONZALEZ
FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL
SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Victoria Gonzalez, a young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award—the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has issued more than 20,000 Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. She must also design and implement a Gold project.

Victoria's project was based on a need she observed firsthand. While volunteering at a Christmas party for the Ozanam Homeless Shelter in Brownsville, Texas, Victoria realized

the homeless did not have access to meals every day. With the help and encouragement of Mr. David Bonnett, her school's National Junior Honor Society sponsor, and funding approval from the administrators of Saint Joseph Academy, Victoria implemented a program to feed area homeless. Volunteers from Saint Joseph Academy now prepare and distribute meals on the fifth Friday of longer months, filling a gap in services. I applaud Victoria's efforts to help those most in need.

Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for Victoria, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her for this significant service to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes due to travel conditions leaving West Virginia. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 51.

KABUL ATTACKS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a wave of terrorist attacks have rocked the Afghan capital over the last few weeks killing over 130 people and leaving hundreds more injured. These horrific assaults in Kabul were specifically designed to demonstrate Afghanistan's vulnerability and instability. By attacking in the heart of the young Afghan democracy, terrorists are attempting to show the world that our efforts have failed and that they can murder with impunity. We must not accept this.

Terrorism is designed for this purpose, to terrorize, to kill with the intention of coercing people to form political opinions or decisions that they would otherwise not make if they were not living in fear. But a future with the Taliban and al-Qaeda returning to power in Afghanistan is to accept that terrorism works and that millions who now live free, must again be subjected to the oppression of Taliban rule. We committed ourselves to the cause of defeating terrorism in Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, and we must hold to this course.

However, after sixteen years of war, there has always been one fundamental flaw with our strategy. It has assumed that Afghanistan's neighbor, Pakistan, shared our goals. The recent attacks in Kabul present more evidence that Pakistan is not our ally in this cause. In the investigation of the attacks, the Afghan government has determined that their source was in the safe havens of Pakistan. And why should we be surprised, when it was Pakistan's intelligence service which created the Taliban and fostered a partnership with al-Qaeda decades ago?

For years, we have attempted to pursue terrorists living across the Afghan border in Pakistan, including operations that killed Osama bin Laden and dozens of other senior terrorist

leaders. But Pakistan pretends they were never there. It claims it has removed the safe havens but we know the Taliban leadership is still in places like Quetta and Peshawar—beyond the reach of U.S. and Afghan forces. We know that thousands are radicalized at Pakistani school and madrassas every year. And despite its bluster about being tough on terrorism, it frequently releases the terrorists it holds. Just last month it released a renowned militant leader who recruited thousands of fighters for the Taliban and in December freed the leader of Lashkar-e-Taiba from house arrest. These terrorists walk free, direct attacks, and incite generations of young Pakistanis and Afghans, all while the Pakistani government collects billions of dollars in U.S. aid. This can no longer stand if we are to ever bring the war in Afghanistan to an acceptable conclusion.

I applaud the President's decision to suspend security assistance to Pakistan and to publicly shame it for its role in harboring terrorism. The peace and security of South Asia should not be held hostage by the reckless policies of Pakistan. Until it can forgo its sponsorship of this extremist ideology and joins the responsible nations of the world in actively combatting groups like al-Qaeda and the Taliban, we should cease our partnership with the government of Pakistan. And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 5, 2018 I missed the following votes and was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 51, and NAY Roll Call No. 52.

HONORING MS. WILLORA "PEACHES" CRAFT EPHRAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable public servant and hometown hero, Ms. Willora "Peaches" Craft Ephram.

Ms. Ephram owned a very popular soul food restaurant in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. Peaches opened in 1961 after Ms. Ephram was able to save up enough money to own her dream restaurant. Ms. Ephram's soul food restaurant took on her nickname, "Peaches," and it served as a staple around the city of Jackson as well as the state of Mississippi. In 2007, Democratic Presidential Candidate, Barack Obama, stopped by Peaches during his campaign, where Ms. Ephram packed him an order of cobbler to go.

In 2013, Ms. Ephram stepped down from her famous restaurant due to open-heart surgery, and her son Roderick ran Peaches until its closure that same year. Last week, at 94-years-old, Ms. Ephram passed away due to pancreatic cancer.

Today, we honor the life of Ms. Willora "Peaches" Craft Ephram and her family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE "OUR THREE WINNERS" ENDOWMENT FUND

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and legacy of Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu-Salha, whose lives were taken in a violent hate crime three years ago at their home in Chapel Hill.

Deah was a 23-year-old student in the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and had recently married Yusor, who was set to enroll in the School of Dentistry in the fall of 2015. Yusor's sister, Razan, was a 19-year-old student of architecture at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Diligent in their studies, these promising young adults also demonstrated a strong commitment to community service, consistent with the tenets of their Muslim faith. Deah organized food drives and provided free dental supplies to local homeless and underserved communities. Razan utilized her artistic talent through selling portraits reflecting pacifism and tolerance, using proceeds to provide medical and humanitarian aid for children in the Middle East. Yusor, a leader in N.C. State's Muslim Student Association, traveled abroad to provide care for, and share the stories of, refugees displaced by war. In the months leading up to that devastating day, Deah, Yusor, and Razan were fundraising for the Project Refugee Smiles Dental Relief Mission to provide dental care to refugees from war-torn Syria.

These three exemplary lives were extinguished on February 10, 2015 by the acts of an anti-Muslim extremist who had long menaced the neighborhood and maintained an arsenal of lethal weapons. This appalling act of violence devastated our community and served as a harsh reminder of the bigotry and hatred that too many still face.

In the wake of the tragedy, classmates, friends, and family members came together to turn their grief into action by establishing the Our Three Winners Endowment Fund, a foundation to honor and continue the humanitarian efforts of Deah, Yusor, and Razan. The Foundation has provided grants to the annual Project Refugee Smiles Dental Relief Mission and scholarships for students who demonstrate values of academic excellence and community service.

Prejudice and violence against Muslim Americans and other religious, ethnic, or racial minorities has no place in American society, yet many of our fellow citizens continue to experience harassment and discrimination every day. On February 10 of each year, the anniversary of the senseless hate crime that took the lives of Deah, Yusor, and Razan, the people of Chapel Hill, Raleigh, and other communities touched by their lives come together to commemorate their humanitarian legacy and rededicate ourselves to building bridges of understanding, acceptance, and community.