

**SEC. 3. REPEAL.**

The Act approved April 12, 1941 (Public Law 77-37; 55 Stat. 140-144) is repealed effective on the date that the White County Bridge Commission completes the conveyance described in section 2.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. MAST

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Restore the Harmony Way Bridge Act".

**SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF BRIDGE AND LAND.**

Notwithstanding any provision of the Act of April 12, 1941 (55 Stat. 140, chapter 71), not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the White County Bridge Commission shall convey, without consideration, to the New Harmony Bridge Bi-State Commission, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the bridge and the approaches thereto across the Wabash River at or near New Harmony, Indiana, under the jurisdiction of the White County Bridge Commission.

**SEC. 3. REPEAL.**

The Act of April 12, 1941 (55 Stat. 140, chapter 71) is repealed effective on the date that the White County Bridge Commission completes the conveyance described in section 2.

Mr. MAST (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### GEORGE W. WHITEHURST FEDERAL BUILDING

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 6622) to designate the Federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the "George W. Whitehurst Federal Building", and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6622

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

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

The Federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "George W. Whitehurst Federal Building".

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "George W. Whitehurst Federal Building".

### COMMITTEE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

*The Federal building and United States courthouse located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse".*

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

*Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building and United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse".*

Mr. MAST (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to designate the Federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the 'George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### EXTENDING ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY AUTHORITY OF FED- ERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 7120) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend through 2023 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7120

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

### SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY AUTHORITY OF FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION THROUGH 2023.

(a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 309(a)(4)(C)(v) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30109(a)(4)(C)(v)) is amended by striking "December 31, 2018" and inserting "December 31, 2023".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the earlier of—

(1) December 31, 2018; or

(2) the date of the enactment of this Act.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### MAJOR BRENT TAYLOR VET CENTER OUTSTATION

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 7163) to designate the outstation of the Department of Veterans Affairs in North Ogden, Utah, as the Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7163

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

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds the following:

(1) Major Brent Taylor began his military service following the attacks of September 11, 2001. He joined the Army National Guard in 2003, three days after his engagement to his wife, Jennie. Five of his brothers would eventually serve in the Armed Forces following the deadly attacks.

(2) During his time in the Army National Guard, Major Taylor distinguished himself in service to the United States and the State of Utah. He received a commission as a second lieutenant from the Brigham Young University Reserve Officer Training Corps in 2006, while graduating as a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

(3) During his impressive career with the Utah National Guard, Major Taylor distinguished himself in multiple specialties, including Intelligence and Military Police. One of his earliest assignments included analyzing foreign language documents in support of the Defense Intelligence Agency. He also led document exploitation efforts in multiple European and South American languages for a variety of intelligence community customers. Major Taylor also managed a team that assessed security vulnerabilities at high-profile facilities across the United States, all while maintaining a successful private sector career in Utah.

(4) Major Taylor was continuously ready to take up his Nation's call to arms and deployed four times in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. His deployed duties varied from Platoon Leader and Combat Advisor to Chief of Staff to the Special Operations Advisory Group, responsible for leading a joint task force advising and assisting an elite Afghan special operations unit.

(5) Throughout his deployments, Major Taylor distinguished himself on several occasions, earning a multitude of awards including the Bronze Star. The citation credits Major Taylor's ability to think calmly and decisively with keeping his subordinates safe while traversing 600,000 miles of roads in Iraq, laden with improvised explosive devices (hereinafter, "IED") and ripe for ambush.

(6) During one particularly harrowing mission, Major Taylor's vehicle was struck by an IED. While he survived the attack, the wounds he received earned him the Purple Heart.

(7) Major Taylor's amazing record of service was not limited to the battlefield. In 2010, he served as a member of the North Ogden City Council and, in 2013, Major Taylor was elected mayor. His steadfast leadership led to the city being recognized as "Business Friendly" by the Governor of Utah, and as one of the safest, freest cities in the United States by several organizations. His initiatives included improvements to public works and infrastructure, attracting businesses to the area, developing a local community center, and increasing transparency. His action led his constituents to reelect Major Taylor in 2017.

(8) In 2018, Major Taylor placed himself on a leave of absence from his mayoral duties in order to deploy to Afghanistan, explaining to his constituents, "Service is what leadership is all about".

(9) While serving in Afghanistan, a dear colleague, Afghani Lieutenant Kefayatullah, was killed shortly before the Afghan elections. Major Taylor wrote, "The strong turnout at that election, despite the attacks and challenges, was a success for the long-suffering people of Afghanistan, and for the cause of human freedom. I am proud of the brave Afghan and U.S. soldiers I serve with. Many American, NATO and Afghan troops have died to make moments like this election possible." He also extolled the American public to embrace its civic duty, stating, "I hope everyone back home exercises their precious right to vote. And that whether the Republicans or Democrats win, that we all remember that we have far more as Americans that unites us than divides us."

(10) Tragically, on Saturday, November 3, 2018, Major Taylor was killed in an attack in Afghanistan. He is survived by his wife, Jennie, and his seven children, Megan, Lincoln, Alex, Jacob, Ellie, Jonathan, and Caroline.

(11) The impression that Major Taylor left was indelible. An Afghan officer who had served with Major Taylor, penned a letter to his wife, stating, "Your husband taught me to love my wife Hamida as an equal and treat my children as treasured gifts, to be a better father, to be a better husband, and to be a better man." That officer further commented that, "He died on our soil but he died for the success of freedom and democracy in both of our countries."

(12) It is only well and fitting that, as a tribute to this man's amazing life, Congress name a facility in honor of Major Taylor's shining example of service and sacrifice.

## **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF MAJOR BRENT TAYLOR VET CENTER OUTSTATION IN NORTH OGDEN, UTAH.**

(a) **DESIGNATION.**—The outstation of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 2357 North 400 East Washington Boulevard, North Ogden, Utah, shall, after the date of the enactment of this Act, be known and designated as the "Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation".

(b) **REFERENCE.**—Any reference in any law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be considered to be a reference to the Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## **THE JOURNAL**

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## **LIEUTENANT COMMANDER VICTORIA MARUM**

(Ms. **ROS-LEHTINEN** asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. **ROS-LEHTINEN**. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Commander Victoria Marum on her separation from the United States Navy after 11 years of faithful service to our country.

An esteemed member of the United States Navy, Lieutenant Commander Marum most recently served as the liaison in the Navy's U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office.

I was so grateful for Victoria's guidance during delegations that I was so proud to lead abroad, as she always handled stressful situations and difficult individuals—I won't name names—with poise, humor, and resourcefulness.

The talent she exhibited on Capitol Hill will serve her well on every path upon which she finds herself in the future.

As Lieutenant Commander Marum embarks on a new chapter in her life, it is my hope that she may recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment the outstanding contributions she has made to the United States Navy, to the United States Congress, and to our great Nation, even though she is a Florida Gator.

## **1918 FLU PANDEMIC**

(Mr. **PAYNE** asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. **PAYNE**. Madam Speaker, flu season is upon us, and I rise today to raise awareness about the 100th anniversary of the deadliest medical catastrophe in history: the 1918 influenza pandemic.

100 years ago, the flu took the lives of more Americans in 1 month than in the entirety of World War I.

The 1918 flu pandemic lasted for 15 months. During that time, the average American's life expectancy dropped by 12 years.

100 years later, there are still many outstanding questions about the flu pandemic, but what is certain is that the flu virus still poses an undeniable threat to our Nation.

Last year, an estimated 80,000 Americans died from the flu.

Investing in research and development for novel antivirals and ensuring people get the flu vaccine is crucial to protecting our Nation from another flu pandemic like the one we faced 100 years ago.

## **RECOGNIZING GIVING TUESDAY**

(Mr. **THOMPSON** of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. **THOMPSON** of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today on "Giving Tuesday" to recognize the importance of charitable giving, especially during this time of year.

With the Christmas and holiday season upon us, we recognize and celebrate many blessings. As we reflect on all that we have achieved and accomplished, we must also remember the less fortunate among us.

"Giving Tuesday" began in 2012 as a day to encourage charitable giving on the heels of shopping-focused days like "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday." It is a dedicated day to give back.

Americans are compassionate people who care about their neighbors on "Giving Tuesday" and all year long. Through monetary donations or gifts of time through volunteering, we are always finding ways to give back to our communities.

But today, on "Giving Tuesday," we find ways to lift up our fellow citizens. These acts of kindness and generosity highlight our American values. The best way to celebrate your blessings is to share them with others. No gift is too small and no gesture too insignificant to someone in need.

It is the American way.

## **NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH**

(Mr. **LANGEVIN** asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. **LANGEVIN**. Madam Speaker, as cochair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, I rise to recognize November as National Adoption Month.

All children deserve the love and security of a forever family. Unfortunately, this is not a reality for too many children across the country.

More than 123,000 children are waiting right now to be adopted from foster care in the United States. Those who reach adulthood and exit care without a family are far more likely to experience bouts of homelessness and unemployment, among other negative outcomes.

Madam Speaker, who among us would have succeeded without the love and support of our families to be there for us, whether it was the family we were born into or the family we make.

Madam Speaker, we must ensure that every child has the family they need to thrive. Adoption provides this pathway.

On November 17, 19 Rhode Island families celebrated National Adoption Day by finalizing the adoptions of 23 children.

I would like to honor these families and others who open their hearts to children in need. There is no greater gift than the gift of a forever home.

## **CONGRATULATING THE CHAMPLIN PARK CHAMPS**

(Mr. **PAULSEN** asked and was given permission to address the House for 1