

California, as the Ritchie Valens Post Office Building.

Ritchie Valens was born and raised in my home neighborhood of Pacoima and attended San Fernando High School.

The rock and roll legend and father of Chicano rock is celebrated today for pioneering a music style derived from the Chicano culture, and it has reverberated around the world.

He became a nationally renowned rock musician at a time when very few Latinos were recognized in American rock music. Valens' contributions in rock include record-setting hits such as "La Bamba," "Donna," and "Come On, Let's Go."

In March of 2001, Ritchie Valens was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Ritchie Valens continues to inspire generations of musicians and is an example of how, even when it seems like there is no path to your dream, you make your own way and build your own path.

Ritchie Valens is an example of the talent that exists in our community, and his legacy is a source of pride for our Pacoima community.

I am honored to offer H.R. 1253 in celebration of the great Ritchie Valens' life, a true trailblazer.

I can tell you, I have witnessed being outside of the United States, for example, when the song "La Bamba" comes on, and every child, usually from the age of 1, 5, 6, 7, or 8—they just can't help it—they just start to move, and they recognize that beautiful music.

To be able to honor this man and his family by naming a post office after him is truly an opportunity that I appreciate, and the entire community appreciates as well.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1253, introduced by Representative TONY CÁRDENAS. This bill names the post office located in Pacoima, California, in honor of Ritchie Valens.

Valens was born in Pacoima. It was there where he discovered his passion for music. After his raw talent was noticed by a producer at a performance, his career took off.

In his short 17 years of life, Valens recorded classic singles, as we heard, as "La Bamba," "Donna," and "Come On, Let's Go."

Tragically, he was killed in a plane crash along with Buddy Holly and J.P. Richardson, a day now referred to as the day music died.

In 2001, Valens was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Although Valens may no longer be with us, his music will endure for generations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1253.

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.

#### LIEUTENANT MICHAEL R. DAVIDSON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1833) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1833

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

#### SECTION 1. LIEUTENANT MICHAEL R. DAVIDSON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson 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 "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROUDA. 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 materials on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from New York (Miss RICE).

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 1833, which would rename a postal facility in Floral Park, New York, after FDNY Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty a year and a half ago.

My district on Long Island has a long and proud tradition of service in the New York City Fire Department. For generations, young men and women from New York's Fourth Congressional District have joined the FDNY, following in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents. They choose a life of service and sacrifice and dedicate their lives to protecting others.

Lieutenant Michael Davidson was a part of that tradition. Lieutenant Da-

vidson joined the FDNY in May of 2003. Assigned to Harlem Engine Company 69, Michael had the opportunity to serve side by side with his father, Robert, who spent most of his 26-year career at that same firehouse.

Michael was known among his colleagues for his bravery and lifesaving actions, and he received four citations for valor during his career.

As a "nozzle man," he fought fires from the front of the hose and was often the first sent into burning buildings.

On March 22, 2018, Lieutenant Davidson was called to battle a five-alarm fire on a movie set in Harlem. And, as usual, Davidson was the point man on the team that entered the building's basement to fight the blaze.

Conditions quickly became too dangerous for the firefighters to withstand, and, though the unit was ordered to retreat, Lieutenant Davidson was separated from his team in the thick smoke. His colleagues later found him unconscious, and he tragically passed away the next day at Harlem Hospital.

Lieutenant Davidson's death was a devastating and unshakeable loss for the FDNY; for Engine Company 69; for Floral Park; but, most of all, for his family and friends.

That is why this bill is not just about honoring a fallen hero. It is also about honoring a highly respected member of our community; a beloved neighbor; and, above all, a devoted husband to his wife, Eileen, and a loving father of four young children.

Renaming our post office in Floral Park will ensure that Lieutenant Davidson's treasured memory is always in our hearts and minds and that his service and sacrifice are never forgotten.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a hero and supporting H.R. 1833.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1833, to name a post office located in Floral Park, New York, in honor of Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson.

Lieutenant Davidson honorably served the New York City Fire Department for 15 years. On March 22, 2018, Lieutenant Davidson lost his life while responding to a five-alarm fire. In dangerous conditions, Lieutenant Davidson became separated from his unit. When he was found later, he was unconscious. Lieutenant Davidson passed away the very next day.

He was known for his bravery and his devotion to his wife and four young children. Our country owes a debt of gratitude to first responders like Lieutenant Davidson. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1833.

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.

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**SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SHANNON M. KENT POST OFFICE**

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2151) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7722 South Main Street in Pine Plains, New York, as the “Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent Post Office”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2151

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

**SECTION 1. SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SHANNON M. KENT POST OFFICE.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7722 South Main Street in Pine Plains, New York, shall be known and designated as the “Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent 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 “Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent Post Office”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. DELGADO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, a fallen soldier, Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent of Pine Plains, New York, who was killed at the age of 35 on January 16 of this year by a suicide bombing in Syria during her fifth combat tour in the Middle East.

Senior Chief Kent, a Dutchess County native and Stissing Mountain High School graduate, was a wife, the mother of two beautiful children, and a cancer survivor. She spoke five languages, including six dialects of Arabic, and deployed with the Navy SEALs to Iraq

and Afghanistan on four different occasions.

Senior Chief Kent gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country and will be remembered for her courage and determination. She was the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal, to name a few.

In 2016, Senior Chief Kent survived thyroid cancer and, in 2018, commissioned for a special officer program to earn a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

Because of a flawed DOD policy, she was found medically unfit to pursue this degree and, yet, somehow fit enough to be deployed to Syria. Following this decision, Senior Chief Kent sought a waiver from the Navy to override DOD’s finding and, again, was denied.

Prior to her death, Senior Chief Kent worked tirelessly to change the Navy and DOD policies that resulted in her fifth deployment. Due to her work, the Navy has made positive changes to its waiver policy, in Senior Chief Kent’s honor. I remain hopeful the DOD will follow in the Navy’s footsteps.

Today, I urge the House to pass H.R. 2151 to create a memorial for Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent in Dutchess County and name the post office at 7722 South Main Street in Pine Plains, New York, the Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent Post Office.

Senior Chief Kent’s memory will live on because she defined what true service means. Honoring Senior Chief Kent in this permanent way will serve as a daily reminder of her heroism and sacrifice.

Senior Chief Kent is survived by her husband, retired Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Kent, and their two young sons. My thoughts remain with her children, husband, and the rest of her family and friends.

I urge my colleagues to make this bill law to honor her life and legacy.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2151. This bill names a post office located in Pine Plains, New York, in honor of Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent.

After high school, Petty Officer Kent chose to serve her country, enlisting in the Navy. She discovered a talent for picking up new languages at the Defense Language Institute. After she graduated, she joined the Navy’s cryptologic warfare unit.

Between 2007 and 2012, Petty Officer Kent was deployed to Iraq three times and once to Afghanistan.

In 2018, she was deployed to Syria, where she provided intelligence on leaders of the Islamic State to the National Security Agency.

On January 16 of this year, Petty Officer Kent was tragically killed in a

suicide bombing in Manbij, Syria. She was only 35 years old, a mother of two boys.

For her bravery, Petty Officer Kent was the recipient of numerous honors, including the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and multiple commendation medals. Her life was cut short, but her service to our country will not be forgotten.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2151.

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.

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**ELIZABETH BUFFUM CHACE POST OFFICE**

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2451) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 575 Dexter Street in Central Falls, Rhode Island, as the “Elizabeth Buffum Chace Post Office”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2451

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

**SECTION 1. ELIZABETH BUFFUM CHACE POST OFFICE.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 575 Dexter Street in Central Falls, Rhode Island, shall be known and designated as the “Elizabeth Buffum Chace 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 “Elizabeth Buffum Chace Post Office”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUDA) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. ROUDA. 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 this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ROUDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE).

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.