

He would later return to North Carolina Central University to serve as chancellor, where he proudly cultivated young minds from 1993 until 2001.

After a lifetime of service to others, Julius L. Chambers passed away at the age of 76 in 2013.

Mr. Speaker, my State and our Nation are undoubtedly better because of the life of Julius L. Chambers. I admired this man, and I was pleased to know him and had many conversations with him during his lifetime.

During this Black History Month, I hope that my colleagues will join me in voting in favor of this legislation and help me honor this civil rights legend in a community that he worked so hard to improve.

I thank my colleague, Mr. MEADOWS, and all of my colleagues from North Carolina and that delegation for supporting this legislation.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4981 introduced by my good friend, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ADAMS).

Certainly, she has gone over all the reasons why support for this measure is not only demanded, but it is certainly deserved. I would just join her in asking my colleagues to support it, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to urge the passage of H.R. 4981.

Mr. Speaker, this is such a significant opportunity for us in Congress to be able to recognize lifelong accomplishments that are above the norm, people who give their lives so that their names will never be forgotten.

It is with great honor that we recognize a queen, a saint, and now a civil rights leader, and I urge the passage of H.R. 4981.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4981.

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.

#### WALTER B. JONES, JR. POST OFFICE

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5037) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the "Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5037

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

#### SECTION 1. WALTER B. JONES, JR. POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Walter B. Jones, Jr. 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 "Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office".

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

#### GENERAL LEAVE

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in consideration of H.R. 5037 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office.

I thank Representative MURPHY for introducing this measure honoring our former colleague. As you know, Walter Jones was born in North Carolina and was a longtime resident of Farmville. He later graduated from Atlantic Christian College and served 4 years in the National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE).

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise in support of this legislation, H.R. 5037, supporting the designation of the Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office in his hometown of Farmville, North Carolina.

The late Walter Jones was a treasured colleague and a personal friend, and I am glad to join others in the North Carolina delegation and in this Chamber in this fitting tribute.

Walter, I think we would all agree, charted a path uniquely his own. His warmth and sincerity earned him respect and affection on both sides of the aisle and across the entire spectrum of political attitudes and beliefs. The same was true in North Carolina among his constituents.

Walter was perhaps best known for his devotion to our men and women in uniform and their families. He was attentive, of course, to the needs of our military bases in North Carolina, but for Walter, this was very personal. He sent more than 10,000 letters to the families of fallen troops, and he memorialized those who died from North

Carolina's Camp Lejeune with photos outside his office, all of this demonstrating his genuine dedication to those who serve.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join in support of this resolution so that Walter's memory can be honored in Farmville, a community he loved dearly and served tirelessly.

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

I rise in support of this legislation, H.R. 5037.

Walter Jones was not just a colleague; he was a friend. For many of us in this Chamber, we can remember when he sat just off the center aisle there, just a few rows back from the front. He was consistently there and consistently a voice, as my friend from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) just said, of those who had fallen in the ultimate fight for freedom and liberty. Many of us have pictures outside of our congressional offices recognizing those who have fallen in their fight for liberty in the armed services, and that is due in no small part to our good friend, Mr. Walter Jones.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY), who is carrying on that legacy in his congressional district.

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5037, which is a tribute to my predecessor, friend, and mentor, Congressman Walter B. Jones. Sadly, he passed away while serving diligently in his office nearly a year ago.

This legislation would designate the post office in his hometown of Farmville, North Carolina, as the Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office.

He was the son of Walter B. Jones, Sr., and Doris Long. A devoted public servant, a man of great faith, and a proud American, Walter put the people and the needs of North Carolina's Third District first.

I knew Walter first as a patient, who then became a dear friend and then became a political mentor. His passing was a loss for our State, our Nation, and for all who knew him and loved him.

In part due to his own service in the military, Walter cared deeply about the brave men and women who served our country. After attending Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia, Walter graduated from Atlantic Christian College in 1966 and went on to serve in the North Carolina National Guard for 4 years.

After serving for 10 years in the North Carolina House, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1995, where he would spend the remaining 24 years of his life diligently serving the people of North Carolina's Third Congressional District.

He worked tirelessly to ensure that he was always available to his constituents and saw that they received assistance whenever they needed it, particularly with the VA and healthcare benefits.

Both in our Nation's Capitol and in eastern North Carolina, Walter was known for his humility and kindness. In fact, Walter was voted the nicest Member of Congress in 2004 in a survey conducted by the Washingtonian among top Capitol Hill staffers.

Of course, Walter was known for his vigorous support of our military and particularly thousands of marines based in eastern North Carolina at Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps air stations in Cherry Point as well as New River, along with FRC East.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, he began a letter-writing campaign, ultimately sending over 11,000 letters of condolences to families and extended family members of fallen soldiers. Outside of his office—and now my office—are hundreds of photos of those who have fallen for the freedom of this Nation.

This was the kind of man he was: admirable, selfless, and caring.

Additionally, some of Walter's greatest achievements while serving in Congress included the work to ensure autistic children of military families received a proper education. He also advocated for the use of hyperbaric oxygen therapy to treat veterans with traumatic brain injury and to protect the beautiful wild horses on Shackleford Banks and North Carolina's beaches. He had compassion and respect for these beautiful animals on the eastern shores.

Walter left behind a legacy that epitomized what we all should aspire to be as a public servant. So it is my privilege to introduce this bill honoring such a great American like Walter Jones.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the entire North Carolina delegation for joining as original cosponsors of this piece of legislation, and I urge Members to adopt H.R. 5037, which would permanently name the post office after him in Farmville.

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Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD), my colleague.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me the time and for her leadership and willingness to give time on this very important bill.

I thank my colleagues, Congressman GREG MURPHY and Congressman MARK MEADOWS, for advancing this bill. I remember how well-connected they were to Walter B. Jones, Jr.—both of them—and I thank them for this legislation.

It is my honor to join with Congressman GREG MURPHY in cosponsoring this legislation, and so I support H.R. 5037.

Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr., was a devoted man of great faith. He was my personal friend, Mr. Speaker, for more than 40 years.

My colleagues will recall that, as Walter was beginning to decline in

health, he was unable to come to the floor to have the oath of office administered to him, and Walter asked that I come to his home. The Speaker of the House authorized me to do so, and I went to his living room that day and administered the final oath of office to him. He was so appreciative, and we had a wonderful conversation that I shall never ever forget.

Walter Jones was a lifetime public servant, serving in the National Guard for 4 years, in our general assembly for 10 years, and here in Congress for 24 long years as Representative of the Third Congressional District.

Since I joined Congress in 2004, I watched Walter cast many difficult votes with conviction. I would sit right here to my left, and Walter would come by and, in his own way, he would say, "Mr. Chairman," and we would have a wonderful laugh about that. But he would stand firm in what he believed was right for his constituents and the American people.

Although Walter is no longer with us, he left an indelible mark on eastern North Carolina. He left a mark on this House and the Nation. Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in honoring Walter Jones.

I was particularly moved that so many of our colleagues traveled by military aircraft as we went to his funeral that day. The Speaker of the House authorized the airplane, and we flew down to Greenville that day.

The airplane was full of colleagues in a bipartisan manner. Democrats and Republicans both attended the funeral. And it was bicameral. You may remember that Senator Byrne and Senator TILLIS were there as well.

So I thank them very much for honoring this great man.

And to the Jones family, to Joe Ann and Ashley, may God bless you, and may we keep the memory of Walter B. Jones, Jr., alive.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, all of us have come together to give a little bit of what we got in big doses, and that was compassion and care from a man who was not only strongest in his convictions, but resolute in those convictions as well.

So I rise in support. I appreciate my colleagues opposite for their support of this. I appreciate Congressman MURPHY for his leadership as well, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today just always in awe of the history of this House and those who have served, knowing personally the sacrifices and the skill set that is needed to be successful. To be able to honor one of our own is something that I support.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 5037, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Representative Walter B. Jones, Jr., a fierce champion for North Carolina, a diligent public servant, and a personal friend to many across this body.

Representative Jones passed away on February 10, 2019, his 76th birthday. He worked tirelessly on behalf of our great state and served four years in the North Carolina National Guard, ten years in the North Carolina General Assembly, and was a member of the House of Representatives for over three decades.

A man of profound integrity, Representative Jones fought each and every day for what he believed was right. From championing our men and women in uniform to protecting our coastline, he was always a steadfast voice for the people of eastern North Carolina.

Today I am proud to join the North Carolina Congressional Delegation in supporting H.R. 5037, to designate a facility of the United States Postal Service as the "Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office," located in his hometown of Farmville, North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Representative Walter B. Jones, Jr.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5037.

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.

#### SCIPIO A. JONES POST OFFICE PORTRAIT

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3317) to permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3317

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

#### SECTION 1. SCIPIO A. JONES POST OFFICE PORTRAIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The postmaster of the Scipio A. Jones Post Office, located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, may accept and display, in the lobby of such Post Office, a painting, by artist Wade Hampton, of a portrait of Scipio A. Jones.

(b) COSTS; GIFTS.—The United States Postal Service shall not be responsible for any costs of carrying out subsection (a), including the costs of displaying the painting. The postmaster referred to in such subsection is authorized to accept on behalf of the Government the painting and any services necessary to display the painting.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. LAWRENCE. 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 matter.