

Sergeant Fitzgerald began his service at Temple University as a police officer in October 2021. Before that, he served with the Philadelphia County Sheriff's Office for 2½ years.

He had also served with the Sugar Land Police Department in Texas and as a Lehigh County corrections officer.

Sergeant Fitzgerald dedicated his life to working in law enforcement and protecting the people of Philadelphia.

He was a valued member of the Temple University community and was passionate about serving our city. He was also a dedicated father, husband, son, brother, and devout Philadelphia sports fan.

He is survived by his wife, Marissa; their four children: Giselle, Julian, Armani, and Autumn; as well as his mother, father, sister, and brother.

Sergeant Fitzgerald's commitment to serving the public was absolute, and he took great pride in his work protecting the Temple University community and the city of Philadelphia.

His conduct and his life, frankly, provide an extraordinary example of a life served in commitment to service to others.

The post office will serve as a small but important symbol of our eternal thanks. When people walk by the post office on Bustleton Avenue, they will be reminded of the ultimate sacrifice Sergeant Fitzgerald gave to our city.

While nothing can ever undo this horrible tragedy, I hope with these small but meaningful acts, we are able to honor one of the most selfless members of our community who gave his life to protect our city and honor the family he left behind.

I strongly urge all of my colleagues to support this bill to honor a fallen hero.

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

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, we urge everyone to support H.R. 6073. I thank the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania for his thoughtful remarks.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill honoring a local American leader and public servant.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6073.

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.

MILTON F. FITCH, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

MR. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6750) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service lo-

cated at 501 Mercer Street Southwest in Wilson, North Carolina, as the "Milton F. Fitch, Sr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6750

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

SECTION 1. MILTON F. FITCH, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 Mercer Street Southwest in Wilson, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Milton F. Fitch, Sr. 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 "Milton F. Fitch, Sr. Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam 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 Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

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

I rise in support of this bill, which would name a post office in Wilson, North Carolina, for veteran Milton Fitch, Sr.

Mr. Fitch served in the U.S. Army for nearly 5 years during World War II. He earned several medals and three battle stars and contributed to the success of the Red Ball Express, a convoy system that delivered supplies to Allied troops on the European warfront.

After the war, Mr. FITZGERALD's journey of resiliency and determination continued. He became the first African-American letter carrier in the city of Wilson, North Carolina, since Reconstruction. This was a significant achievement.

I support naming the post office in memory of Milton Fitch, Sr., and I encourage my colleagues to do the same. I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise in very strong support of H.R. 6750, and I am delighted to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) for any remarks he may choose to make.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I thank Ranking Member RASKIN and Chair GROTHMAN for their work on this measure.

It is my honor to rise in support of H.R. 6750, which designates the United

States Postal Service facility at 501 Mercer Street Southwest in Wilson, North Carolina, as the Milton F. Fitch, Sr. Post Office Building.

Milton F. Fitch, Sr., is an important figure in the history of eastern North Carolina. During Mr. Fitch's time of bravely serving us in the United States Army during World War II, he earned several medals and three battle stars.

He distinguished himself by contributing to the success of the Red Ball Express, a massive convoy system that delivered crucial supplies to Allied troops on the warfront in Europe.

After serving his country, he settled in Wilson, North Carolina, where he became the town's first African-American letter carrier since Reconstruction, but Milton F. Fitch, Sr., was more than just that.

He made significant contributions to the Wilson community through his involvement in social, fraternal, and civic organizations.

His commitment to advocating for eastern North Carolina and the State was truly commendable. After a long life dedicated to his community, Mr. Fitch passed on November 2, 1995.

I am proud to honor Milton F. Fitch, Sr.'s achievements alongside the entire North Carolina House of Representatives delegation.

Just as a post office is an essential part of a community, Wilson deserves to have their post office named after Milton F. Fitch, Sr., an outstanding citizen who had a profound impact on eastern North Carolina and our State.

Together, we can ensure that Milton F. Fitch, Sr.'s legacy continues to inspire our community for generations to come.

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Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I urge unanimous adoption of H.R. 6750. I thank the gentleman from North Carolina for his very eloquent remarks, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill honoring a great American war veteran and local public servant. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6750.

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.

CORPORAL MICHAEL D. ANDERSON JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1555) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the "Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1555

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

SECTION 1. CORPORAL MICHAEL D. ANDERSON JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, shall be known and designated as the “Corporal Michael D. Anderson 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 “Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam 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 Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I yield 6 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. McCLINTOCK).

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to present H.R. 1555 for consideration today. This measure names the post office in Modesto, California, in honor and memory of Corporal Michael D. Anderson, Jr.

This bill has the unanimous support of the Modesto City Council, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, the entire California congressional delegation, and the House Oversight Committee.

There are those who scoff at post office naming bills like this. Such smug critics simply either don't appreciate or don't understand the sacrifices that these bills recognize and the heroism behind the events that give rise to them.

Let me tell you a little bit about the young man this bill honors today. Mike Anderson was a kid who grew up in Modesto, a farm town in California's Central Valley that has always maintained the values and traditions of middle America.

Mike reflected that in every way. He loved skateboarding, snowboarding, and motorcycles. He loved tinkering with cars and going camping. Most importantly, he loved his family, his friends, and, above all, his country.

As he graduated from Johansen High School, he could look forward to a long and happy lifetime ahead of him. However, in September of that year, America was attacked. Without hesitation, he stepped forward to defend his coun-

try and all that it stands for—the simple freedoms and uniquely American values that produce model towns like Modesto and model citizens like Mike Anderson.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he quickly distinguished himself. He became a member of the Fleet Antiterrorism Security Teams, or FAST company, an elite Marine Corps team designed to fight terror around the world. In that capacity, he received a letter of commendation from U.S. Ambassador James Foley for defending the U.S. Embassy during riots that were directed at it.

In September 2004, Corporal Anderson deployed to Iraq to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division of the First Marine Expeditionary Force.

The Modesto community rallied around Mike and raised money to ensure that he had the best equipment available, including three different sets of protective goggles.

Eleven days before Christmas, on December 14, 2004, Corporal Anderson was leading marines and Iraqi soldiers in urban clearing operations of the insurgent-occupied buildings in the city of Fallujah. He was the first into a stronghold, and there, he was tragically killed in action. He was 21 years old.

Corporal Anderson had been scheduled to leave Iraq just a few months later to return to his family, where they had already planned a joyous family reunion and vacation.

Corporal Anderson showed tremendous bravery and incredible courage throughout his service and especially on that day, his last day, in Fallujah, as is reflected in his military decorations, including two Purple Hearts, the Marine Corps Achievement Medal with the “V” attachment for valor, as well as the Combat Action Ribbon.

What stands out the most in the memories of his comrades in arms were his self-sacrifice and concern for the marines in his squad. His father remembers: “He was more worried about telling me about one of the guys in his unit first before telling me about what happened to him. He felt that since he was a squad leader, he had to take care of his men first.”

James Michener's haunting question echoes on such exploits: “Where do we get such men?”

We get them from little towns like Modesto, and we get them from loving families like the Andersons, decent young men and women with promising futures who are willing to leave the safety and comfort of hearth and home when their country needs them and to step into harm's way to protect their families, their neighbors, their countrymen, and, above all, the cause of freedom.

A more important question is: What would we do without them?

A few feet from here in the Capitol rotunda is a fresco titled: “The Apothe-

osis of Washington.” It depicts General Washington, in uniform, ascending to the heavens, flanked by victory and freedom and surrounded by the essence and fruits of our free Nation.

In that depiction, Washington beckons. From little towns like Modesto, California, decent young men and women with happy lives and promising futures, like Mike Anderson, Jr., have answered his call.

I don't know how their families can bear it, but I do know what we owe them. I do know that we can never repay that debt except to honor their memory and keep their sacrifice always in mind.

That is what bills like this are all about: to honor and remember those among us who gave up everything to proclaim liberty throughout all the land and unto all the inhabitants thereof.

Madam Speaker, the people of Modesto, California, and the family of Corporal Anderson, his parents, Angie and Michael Sr., as well as his two little sisters, Callie and Allie, and a grateful nation ask that the post office of his hometown be named to honor and memorialize the life, service, patriotism, heroism, and ultimate sacrifice of Corporal Michael D. Anderson, Jr., United States Marine Corps.

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

I rise in very strong support of H.R. 1555 and thank the gentleman from California for his thoughtful remarks.

Michael Anderson grew up in Modesto and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2001. Corporal Anderson deployed to Iraq in September 2004, and he fought in the second battle of Fallujah. On December 14, 2003, he was killed in action while leading an operation clearing insurgent-occupied buildings.

I encourage all of our colleagues to join us in honoring the life of Corporal Anderson by naming a post office in Modesto after him.

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill honoring an American war hero, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FRY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1555.

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.

SPECIALIST JUSTIN DEAN COLEMAN MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1823) to designate the facility