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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. RANDALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILL of Texas. 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Casselton, North Dakota, for U.S. Navy Commander Delbert Austin Olson.

Commander Olson entered the U.S. Navy from North Dakota and served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

On January 11, 1968, he piloted a mission that took off from Thailand and, while descending into the target area, the aircraft crashed, killing Commander Olson.

Commander Olson's remains were not recovered until 2001, and he has been memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Commander Olson was married to his wife, Patricia, and had two children, Dana and Eric.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1830, the bill brought before the House by my fellow freshman and Congressional Women's Softball teammate, JULIE FEDORCHAK, to honor Commander Delbert Austin Olson.

He is a hometown hero of Casselton, North Dakota, who served in World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war as a member of the United States Navy. As part of Observation Squadron 67, while descending into a target area in Laos during the Vietnam war, his aircraft crashed in a remote mountainside on January 11, 1968, killing him and his crew.

His remains were not identified until 2002 after being recovered the year before. He was finally laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery in 2003 and received the Purple Heart and Navy Commendation Medal with Valor.

The Senate unanimously passed a similar version of this bill during the last Congress. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Commander Olson by naming a post office in Casselton, North Dakota, after him.

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

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Dakota (Mrs. FEDORCHAK).

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true North Dakota hero from Casselton, North Dakota, Commander Delbert Austin Olson.

Commander Olson, as my colleagues mentioned, answered the call of duty not once, not twice, but across three major conflicts: World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war.

In Vietnam, he served with distinction, participating in some of the most dangerous missions of the war. He flew low over Ho Chi Minh Trail to gather intelligence that protected American servicemembers on the ground.

On January 11, 1968, Commander Olson and his crew were killed in action when their plane went down. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, and today we gather to take another step to make sure future generations know his story.

My legislation will rename the Casselton Post Office as the Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office. This is a small way to show how much we value his sacrifice and to make sure his story lives on in the town he loved.

North Dakota does not forget its heroes. Commander Olson's life reminds us of the quiet strength and devotion that defined the very best of this country.

I am proud to bring this bill forward, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Commander Olson's remarkable service and sacrifice.

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, I urge strong support for this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill naming a post office for Commander Olson, who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to a grateful nation. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1830.

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.

OSCAR J. UPHAM POST OFFICE

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2283) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service lo-

cated at 201 West Oklahoma Avenue in Guthrie, Oklahoma, as the "Oscar J. Upham Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2283

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

SECTION 1. OSCAR J. UPHAM POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Oklahoma Avenue in Guthrie, Oklahoma, shall be known and designated as the "Oscar J. Upham 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 "Oscar J. Upham Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. RANDALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILL of Texas. 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Guthrie, Oklahoma, for Oscar J. Upham. Oscar John Jefferson Upham was a private serving in the United States Marine Corps during the Boxer Rebellion and Spanish-American War, ultimately earning the Medal of Honor for his service in Peking, China, in the summer of 1900.

In addition to serving in the marines, Mr. Upham worked as a letter carrier for the Guthrie Post Office for 40 years. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service, and he died February 14, 1949, in Guthrie, Oklahoma, where many of his family still live today.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 2283.

Oscar John Jefferson Upham served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1896 to 1901. He earned the Medal of Honor for his valiant actions during the Boxer Rebellion in Peking, China. He was also known for firing the opening shot from the USS *Oregon* at the Battle of Santiago Bay in 1898 during the Spanish-American War.

After his military service, he continued his private life in Guthrie, Oklahoma, where he worked as a letter carrier for an impressive 40 years before his passing in 1949.

Mr. Speaker, I urge strong support for this legislation by encouraging my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Oscar Upham by naming a post office in Guthrie, Oklahoma, after him. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill naming a post office for Oscar Upham, an American military hero.

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 Texas (Mr. GILL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 2283.

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.

JAY P. LARSON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2466) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5225 Harrison Avenue in Rockford, Illinois, as the "Jay P. Larson Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2466

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

SECTION 1. JAY P. LARSON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5225 Harrison Avenue in Rockford, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Jay P. Larson 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 "Jay P. Larson Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. RANDALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILL of Texas. 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Rockford, Illinois, for Jay P. Larson.

Mr. LARSON worked as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 25

years. Serving with enthusiasm and commitment, known for his joy and warmheartedness, Jay Larson was tragically killed in a mass stabbing spree in March 2024 while delivering the mail.

Mr. LARSON is survived by his mother, seven siblings, 10 nieces and nephews, and many friends.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2466. This is a bipartisan bill to rename a local Illinois post office after Jay Larson, who served his community as a dedicated letter carrier.

Jay Larson was killed while doing his job, delivering mail to his community. Mr. LARSON was one of four people killed in attacks that took place last year in Rockford, Illinois. He gave more than 25 years of service to the United States Postal Service.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague, Congressman SORESENSEN, for advocating on behalf of his constituent and bringing this bill to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Jay Larson by naming a post office in Rockford, Illinois, after him, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SORESENSEN).

Mr. SORESENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my legislation, H.R. 2466, which will redesignate the Rockford post office on Harrison Avenue in honor of Jay Larson.

I thank the chair and ranking member for their support, and my colleague on the other side of the aisle, DARIN LAHOOD, for partnering with me in this effort.

Jay Larson was born and raised in the same hometown as me. We are proud to have been from Rockford, Illinois. In fact, Jay was also proud to share the same high school as myself, Boylan Central Catholic High School.

Jay served in our community as a letter carrier for 25 years, but here is the thing: He never took a sick day because delivering the mail was more than a job for Jay. Everyone who knew him told me of a man who was proud to take care of his neighbors, whether it be caring smiles or conversation, thoughtful gestures, and the occasional treat for his furry friends along the route.

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To his fellow letter carriers, Jay was well known for his willingness to lend a hand, often helping others with their routes after he finished his own. As one of those colleagues summed it up: "He made everyone feel like you were the most important person in the world at that time."

Jay is the definition of an exemplary public servant and a good neighbor.

His last mail route was March 27, 2024. Jay was killed in a senseless and violent attack while on the job.

As we approach the 2-year anniversary of this tragedy, it is my hope that renaming the main Rockford post office in Jay's honor will offer a testament to his service while giving our city something else to be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, Jay Larson is worthy of this honor and worthy of our memory. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 2466, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill naming a post office for Jay P. Larson who served his community with distinction as a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier.

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 Texas (Mr. GILL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2466.

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.

MARY ELIZABETH "BETTIE" COLE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1461) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 521 Thorn Street in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, as the "Mary Elizabeth 'Bettie' Cole Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1461

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

SECTION 1. MARY ELIZABETH "BETTIE" COLE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 521 Thorn Street in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Mary Elizabeth 'Bettie' Cole 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 "Mary Elizabeth 'Bettie' Cole Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. RANDALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILL of Texas. 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.