

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 SORESEN, 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. SORESEN).

Mr. SORESEN. 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.

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 Sewickley, Pennsylvania, for Mary Elizabeth "Bettie" Cole.

Mrs. Cole served as the associate director of office services, director of the mailing department at Point Park College, local historian, and beloved member of her community.

Mr. Speaker, 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 strong support of H.R. 1461.

Bettie Cole was a longstanding community leader in her home State of Pennsylvania.

Born in Edgeworth on April 5, 1923, she studied journalism and communications. Later in 2000, she became known as the historian of Sewickley Valley's Black community. That year she published "Their Story: The History of Blacks/African Americans in Sewickley and Edgeworth," documenting an often overlooked part of the local community. Her book was published after 20 years of research, including more than 100 interviews.

I commend my colleague, Congressman DELUZIO, for advocating on behalf of his constituents and bringing this bill to the floor. I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Bettie Cole by naming a post office in Pennsylvania after her.

Mr. Speaker, 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 3 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DELUZIO).

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) for his support.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask this Chamber to honor and memorialize a beloved western Pennsylvania community leader, local historian, and author by voting "yes" on H.R. 1461.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cole, fondly called Bettie by those who knew her and loved her, was born in Edgeworth, Pennsylvania, on April 5, 1923.

She moved to nearby Sewickley, Pennsylvania, in 1939, where she spent the rest of her life. She was a 1940 graduate of Sewickley High School, and shortly after graduation, she married and had two daughters who she raised and nurtured.

Many years later, in 1988, she retired from Point Park College, now Point Park University, as the associate director of office services and the director of the mailing department.

While she worked at Point Park, Mrs. Cole earned her associate of arts degree

in journalism and communications. She was inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda, a National Honor Society for part-time students, as one of the 13 charter members of Point Park Gamma Epsilon chapter. She boasted at the time she was possibly and proudly the chapter's eldest member and nearly its only grandmother.

She put what she learned at Point Park to work for the benefit of her community, Quaker Valley, and beyond.

Mrs. Cole was passionate about the history of her family and the community in her hometowns.

For 20 years, she conducted countless hours of historic research, including interviewing more than 100 community members. In 2000, that work came to fruition with the publication of her book titled, "Their Story: The History of Blacks/African Americans in Sewickley & Edgeworth." It was a one-of-a-kind documentation of a significant and often-overlooked part of the Sewickley Valley community's history and heritage.

Mrs. Cole passed away in 2016 at the age of 92, leaving behind a family and community proud of her contributions. I think those merit recognition, and what better way to memorialize Mrs. Cole and her work than by putting her name on the post office in the community she loved and chronicled. That history in Sewickley is a rich one, and Mrs. Bettie Cole is a key part of telling that shared story.

The Sewickley Borough Post Office at 521 Thorn Street is a beautiful, historical building. It would become an even more meaningful historical marker for the community if it were renamed the Mary Elizabeth "Bettie" Cole Post Office Building.

H.R. 1461 was cosponsored by the entire Pennsylvania congressional delegation, Democrats and Republicans alike. I thank my colleagues for their support, and I ask this Chamber's "yea" vote on H.R. 1461.

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 1461, 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 Mary Elizabeth "Bettie" Cole, a local historian and beloved community member.

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. 1461.

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.

#### BRIGADIER GENERAL FREDERICK R. LOPEZ POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the

bill (H.R. 2175) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 South Patterson Avenue in Santa Barbara, California, as the "Brigadier General Frederick R. Lopez Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2175

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

#### SECTION 1. BRIGADIER GENERAL FREDERICK R. LOPEZ POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 South Patterson Avenue in Santa Barbara, California, shall be known and designated as the "Brigadier General Frederick R. Lopez 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 "Brigadier General Frederick R. Lopez 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.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. GILL of Texas. 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 Santa Barbara, California, for Brigadier General Frederick R. Lopez.

Brigadier General Frederick Lopez served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 31 years, both in Active Duty and in the Marine Corps Reserve. As a result of his service, he has been awarded numerous decorations and medals.

Beyond his military service, Lopez served 7 years for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company as a flight test engineer and 29 years for Raytheon as an electronic warfare engineer and director of engineering.

Lopez has been an active member for his community, serving on the board of directors at the Pierre Claeysens Veterans Foundation in Santa Barbara and has served with the National Academies of Science and Engineering.

Mr. Speaker, 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. 2175.

During his 31 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Brigadier General Frederick R. Lopez was deployed to South Vietnam during the Vietnam war to