

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

lead infantry and sniper units and later held leadership positions, including Deputy Commanding General for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

He earned numerous honors, including the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and Bronze Star with a Combat V, marking a distinguished military career.

In addition to his military achievements, Brigadier General Lopez worked in aerospace and defense, served on national security boards, and remained actively engaged in veterans' advocacy activities.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague, Congressman CARBAJAL, 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 Brigadier General Lopez by naming a post office in Santa Barbara, California, after him.

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

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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 California (Mr. CARBAJAL).

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage every Member of this Chamber to support this legislation honoring one of Santa Barbara County's own, Brigadier General Frederick R. Lopez.

My bill would name the South Patterson Avenue post office in recognition of General Lopez's distinguished legacy of service and his dedication to our country, serving in the United States Marine Corps for over 30 years, both in Active Duty and the Reserves.

General Lopez was born in Santa Barbara as the oldest of six siblings and spent his childhood between the communities of Santa Barbara and Lompoc, and later in Goleta.

After graduating from Lompoc High School, he attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where he earned a degree in mathematics.

Upon graduation, General Lopez joined the United States Marine Corps in 1967. Soon after, he was deployed overseas for the Vietnam war, serving as an infantry rifle platoon commander and a regimental sniper platoon commander, as well. His service earned him both a Bronze Star and a Combat Action Ribbon, as well as the respect of the marines he served with.

Over his 30 years of service, General Lopez served in a number of critical leadership roles, including as a company commander of the Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, commanding general for the 4th Marine Division, and deputy commanding general of the 1st Expeditionary Force.

He is a distinguished graduate of the NATO Joint Warfare Officers Course, the Naval War College Strategy and Policy Course, the Armed Forces Work Colleges National Security Course, the Senior Reserve Components Officers

Course at the U.S. Army War College, and five other professional military schools.

Outside of his military service, General Lopez has been an active member of his community, serving on the board of directors of many organizations, including the Pierre Claeysens Veterans Foundation in Santa Barbara. He has also been a member of the Military Order of the World Wars for over 20 years. He was elected the 90th National Commander-in-Chief for the MOWW in 2020 and serves as the local Colonel George C. Woolsey Chapter commander.

General Lopez's service is beyond worthy of recognition by Congress. He represents the best of our servicemembers, and his leadership will inspire others to continue in his footsteps for years and decades to come, serving our Nation and the military families of the central coast.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking General Lopez for his exemplary service to our country by passing my bill to name the South Patterson Avenue post office in his honor.

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I urge the passage of H.R. 2175. I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill, naming the post office for Brigadier General Frederick Lopez, a highly decorated U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

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. 2175.

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.

#### REVEREND HAROLD MIDDLEBROOK POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1372) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Macedonia Lane in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Reverend Harold Middlebrook Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1372

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

#### SECTION 1. REVEREND HAROLD MIDDLEBROOK POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Macedonia Lane in Knoxville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "Reverend Harold Middlebrook 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 "Reverend Harold Middlebrook 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 Knoxville, Tennessee, for Reverend Harold Middlebrook.

Reverend Middlebrook played a crucial role in the civil rights movement during the sanitation workers strike in Memphis and later founded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission in Knoxville.

Reverend Middlebrook was president of the Bolivar Human Development Corporation, an adviser to the Hardeman County Bi-Racial Commission, coordinator of the Hardeman County Political Action Commission, and an advisory board member of the Tennessee Public Service Commission.

Reverend Middlebrook was a loving father to his three children, two of whom followed his footsteps to work in public service.

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

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1372.

I offer that I think many members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform were very interested to ensure that this bill made it in the package today, so I am glad to see it here.

Reverend Harold Middlebrook was born in Memphis on July 4, 1942. He was a civil rights activist, ordained minister, and leader in the community. Through his active involvement with the civil rights movement, he became friends and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on more than one occasion.

Reverend Middlebrook secured the appearance of Dr. King for multiple strikes and also participated in multiple sit-ins in Atlanta while a minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Dr. King held a pastorate.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Reverend Middlebrook by naming a post office in Knoxville, Tennessee, after him.