

in the mirror and saw himself as the person who would accept responsibility to make this a safer and better world. That is the type of individual that Officer Larry Cox was. He understood the importance of the treasures and the paramount importance of caring for others.

With that, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation naming the Larry Cox Post Office in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I also have no other demands for time. I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 5434, and I yield back the balance of our time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5434.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### JOSHUA A. TERANDO PRINCETON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5428) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, as the "Joshua A. Terando Princeton Post Office Building", as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5428

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

#### SECTION 1. JOSHUA A. TERANDO MORRIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Joshua A. Terando Morris 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 "Joshua A. Terando Morris Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5428, as amended, offered by the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER), would designate the post office building in Morris, Illinois, as the Joshua A. Terando Post Office Building.

By all accounts, Joshua Terando's love for his country was second to none, and his patriotism was evident in his service to our United States Army. After completing basic training, Joshua graduated from Ranger school and went on to become the leader of his platoon.

He completed his third year of active duty in 2001 and had just 18 months left in the Reserves when he was called back to serve in Iraq in June 2005. Twenty-seven year-old Joshua Terando was killed in November of that year when his tank was attacked by enemy forces.

His family and friends remind us that Joshua believed our country is worth fighting and dying for. It is with great gratitude that we thank him for his service. We thank him for his bravery and sacrifice and for the sacrifice of those who loved him.

I ask all Members to join me in naming the Morris, Illinois, postal facility in honor of Joshua A. Terando.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Government Reform Committee I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 5428, which names the postal facility in Morris, Illinois, after the late Joshua A. Terando. H.R. 5428 was introduced by my colleague from Illinois (Mr. WELLER) on May 19, 2006.

This measure, which was unanimously reported by the Government Reform Committee on June 8, 2006, was cosponsored by the entire Illinois Congressional delegation. U.S. Army Sergeant Joshua A. Terando, age 27, a Reservist assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division, based in Washington, Pennsylvania, was killed on November 10, 2005. He died at Al Taqaddum, Iraq, of injuries sustained when his tank was attacked by enemy forces.

Sergeant Terando had completed 6 years of active duty in 2001 when he was called back. He had just over a year to serve in the Army Reserves. Joshua was remembered by his family as quick-witted, easygoing and loving.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for seeking to honor the sacrifice of soldier Joshua Terando by designating a postal office in his name in his hometown. No greater gift can one give than their life in the service and protection of others.

I strongly support this measure and urge its passage.

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume

to my distinguished colleague from the State of Illinois (Mr. WELLER), the author of this resolution.

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5428, legislation I introduced to honor Joshua Adam Terando by naming the Morris Post Office Building in his honor. I also want to thank my good friend from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) as well as my good friend from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for their help on floor today.

Joshua Terando is a local hero from Morris, Illinois. He gave his life for his country when he was killed on November 10, 2005, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Today this House will be voting on legislation I introduced, along with the cosponsorship of the entire Illinois delegation, including the Speaker of this House, which designates the Morris Post Office the Joshua A. Terando Post Office Building. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Army Sergeant Joshua A. Terando was born and raised in Spring Valley, Illinois, until his family moved to Morris in 1990. Sergeant Terando graduated from Morris Community High School in 1996, and after his graduation, Sergeant Terando pursued work as a welder and went on to enlist in the United States Army in 1998, where he served his country for 3 years.

After Sergeant Terando finished his enlistment with the Army, he joined Boilermaker Union Local One in Chicago and worked as a boilermaker apprentice from 2001 to 2005.

In June of 2005, Sergeant Terando returned to the United States Army and was deployed to Iraq. He served as a sergeant, 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division.

His other service duty included HHC 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; HHC 3rd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, HHC 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry; and 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division.

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He was affectionately nicknamed "Scrumpy" by members of his platoon who were very fond of their comrade and leader.

In October of 2005, Sergeant Joshua Terando showed all of us the true meaning of being a hero when his unit was sent to help evacuate fellow soldiers caught in enemy fire. Accounts by members of Sergeant Terando's unit hold that he saved at least one life on that mission, that of a fellow sergeant whose body Sergeant Terando shielded with his own until the man was evacuated by medical personnel. It is actions like these that make our men and women in uniform some of the bravest individuals in the world.

On November 10, 2005, according to accounts, Sergeant Joshua Terando's unit, which was a quick response unit, was sent in to provide security for a mission to retrieve a disabled M1A1

Abrams tank near Khalidiyah, Iraq, a town approximately 40 miles west of Baghdad. An enemy sniper was preying on that tank crew and Sergeant Terando's tank crew was disbursed to clear the sniper. After a successful evacuation of the tank crew, Sergeant Terando was fatally wounded in the course of this engagement and gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Grundy County is my home county and Sergeant Terando was Grundy County's first casualty of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was honored during his service with the National Defense Service Medal; the Global War on Terror Medal; the Iraq Campaign Medal; the Combat Infantry Badge for heroism in the line of fire; the Armed Forces Reserves Medal with M-Device; the Army Service Ribbon; Parachute Badge; Ranger Tab; and a Weapons Qualification Badge, Expert Rifle. Posthumously, Sergeant Terando was honored with the Bronze Star for bravery in combat; the Purple Heart; the Meritorious Service Award; and a Good Conduct Medal.

Sergeant Terando's heroism was honored by the presentation to his parents, Jerry and Jeanine Terando, of the Gold Star, signifying that their son gave his life in combat.

Sergeant Terando left many friends in Morris, Illinois, and this legislation will honor his memory and his patriotic service to our Nation. Local veterans have always reminded me that it is important to honor our soldiers and veterans every day. By naming our post office in our hometown of Morris, Illinois, after Sergeant Joshua Terando, we effectively honor all of them.

Our thanks to Sergeant Terando and his family, and the honor of renaming this post office can never match the gift which Joshua has given our Nation. This honor merely represents that we will never forget the sacrifice which he and all who have died serving our Nation have made for all of us. We are eternally grateful.

I know that we all maintain the family of Sergeant Terando and those of his fallen comrades in our prayers. I ask again that you join me in honoring and remembering this extraordinary young man, whose heroism exemplifies everything that America stands for. I ask for your support for H.R. 5428, the Joshua A. Terando Morris Post Office Designation Act.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 5428, as amended, the Joshua A. Terando Princeton Post Office Building, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5428, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of

those present have voted in the affirmative.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE ROBERT E. O'CONNOR, JR.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 983) honoring the life and accomplishments of the late Robert E. O'Connor, Jr.

The Clerk read as follows:

##### H. RES. 983

Whereas Robert E. O'Connor, Jr., was a life-long resident of the City of Pittsburgh;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was a dedicated husband and father, who was married to Judy Levine for more than 40 years and who raised three children;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was a successful entrepreneur and businessman for more than two decades;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was actively involved in his church and community service, serving on the Board of Directors of Carnegie-Mellon University, Gateway Rehabilitation Institute, the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance, The Caring Foundation, and Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor loved the City and his community so much that he left the private sector in 1992 to serve on the Pittsburgh City Council, where he served his community effectively until 2003;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor served two terms as Pittsburgh City Council President;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor served the City of Pittsburgh and all of southwestern Pennsylvania in a high-ranking position in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a year;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was elected the 58th Mayor of Pittsburgh in 2005;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor, as the Mayor of Pittsburgh, inspired the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh with his bold, clear vision for a revitalized, vibrant community;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor, after being sworn in as Mayor in January of 2006, began moving forward energetically with plans to make that vision a reality;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor, only seven months into his first term in office, was diagnosed with a primary central nervous system lymphoma;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor, after a valiant struggle to fight this aggressive form of cancer, passed away on September 1, 2006;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was widely respected and loved for his warmth, friendliness, intelligence, integrity, and his dedication to the City of Pittsburgh;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor is remembered for his common sense, his many accomplishments, his long record of public service, and his dedication to the City of Pittsburgh;

Whereas the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh have suffered a grievous loss in the untimely early death of this popular and talented leader; and

Whereas the example set by Mr. O'Connor in both his public and private life was exemplary: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) has learned with profound sorrow of the death of Bob O'Connor;

(2) recognizes Bob O'Connor as a role model of entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and public service in southwestern Pennsylvania and throughout the entire Nation;

(3) expresses its deep gratitude to Bob O'Connor for working tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

(4) extends condolences to his wife, Judy, his children, Heidi, Terrence, and Corey, his extended family, and his many friends; and

(5) extends condolences to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, a lifelong resident of the city of Pittsburgh and a devoted husband and father of three, Robert E. O'Connor, Jr., brought compassion and dedication to every project that he undertook.

His political career began in 1991 when he won a Pittsburgh City Council seat, and his tenure with the council set the tone for the rest of his career.

Mr. O'Connor was passionate about giving the citizens of his city tangible results and focused on making neighborhoods safe, on cleaning up the streets, and giving city workers the tools they needed to do their job.

Mr. O'Connor became president of the council in 1998; and after waiting patiently while continuing to serve his city, he won the mayor's election in 2005. As mayor, Mr. O'Connor devoted himself to fixing Pittsburgh's financial problems and fostering relationships with the county and State governments. His leadership and friendship were what defined him to the citizens that he served, and one resident spoke of him by calling him "a pillar that cannot be shaken."

Just 185 days into his administration as mayor, Mr. O'Connor was admitted to the hospital and was eventually diagnosed with primary central nervous system lymphoma. He bravely fought the disease until he passed away on September 1, 2006; and he leaves behind him a legacy of integrity, compassion, dedication, and intelligence that the city of Pittsburgh will not forget.

I urge all Members to come together to recognize the remarkable life and accomplishments of Mr. Robert E. O'Connor by adopting House Resolution 983.