

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FELTON
ROGER FUSSELL MEMORIAL
POST OFFICE

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3953) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4122 Madison Street, Elfers, Florida, as the "Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3953

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

**SECTION 1. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FELTON
ROGER FUSSELL MEMORIAL POST
OFFICE.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4122 Madison Street, Elfers, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial 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 "Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

I rise in support of H.R. 3953, introduced by Congressman GUS BILIRAKIS of Florida. H.R. 3953 designates the post office located at 4122 Madison Street, in Elfers, Florida, as the Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office.

Roger Fussell enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1969 at the age of 18 and left for Vietnam in that same year. Exactly 1 year after he enlisted, Fussell was tragically killed by enemy fire. Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell volunteered his service and lost his life all too soon while fighting for a country he believed in.

I urge Members to support this bill that names a post office in his honor. In a moment, I will yield to its sponsor, my friend, Congressman BILIRAKIS, to tell us more about Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I join with my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3953, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located in Elfers, Florida, as Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office.

Roger Fussell received numerous awards for his honorable service, including an Expert Marksman Medal, a Vietnamese Military Merit Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and a Purple Heart.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill to create and preserve the memory of Private First Class Fussell's achievements and to honor the ultimate sacrifice he made on behalf of this country.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS).

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3953, legislation to designate the Elfers post office as the Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office.

I never had a chance to meet Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell, but after working on this legislation with his family and friends, I wish I had.

Private Fussell was born in New Port Richey, Florida, and graduated from Gulf High School in 1968. Despite his love for hunting, fishing, and repairing old cars, Private Fussell pursued his calling by enlisting in the Marine Corps.

On June 6, 1968, Private Fussell entered the service along with his friend, Jack Mathison, under the Buddy System program. They went to basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, where Roger was the high shooter for his platoon.

He also was honored with the Expert Marksman Medal for superior scores in rifle range shooting. Private Fussell then continued on to advanced infantry training at Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton.

Private Fussell departed for Vietnam in March of 1969 and served with honor and distinction. On the 1-year anniversary of his enlistment, he was killed by mortar fire in service of his country.

For his bravery and sacrifice, Private Fussell earned several awards, including the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, which is awarded for acts of valor and heroic conduct during an armed conflict.

He also received the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal, which is the highest military decoration that was bestowed by South Vietnam during the Vietnam war.

Clearly, Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell is a hero who is deserving of having his hometown's post office in Elfers, Florida, dedicated in his honor.

I have worked closely with Roger's family and with the entire Elfers community on this legislation to help solidify the memory of Private Fussell's bravery, American spirit, and optimism.

His actions served as an inspiration for his brother, Timothy, who has gone on to serve his community as chief of the Port Richey Fire Department.

Honoring Private Fussell with the Elfers post office's designation also honors the work of his sister, Myra. Myra served her community in this very post office for 20 years.

Let's honor this American hero and his family by passing H.R. 3953 and by designating the Elfers post office as the Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office.

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 3953.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of the bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3953.

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.

MAJOR GREGORY E. BARNEY POST
OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4747) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6691 Church Street in Riverdale, Georgia, as the "Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4747

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

**SECTION 1. MAJOR GREGORY E. BARNEY POST
OFFICE BUILDING.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6691 Church Street in Riverdale, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "Major Gregory E. Barney 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 "Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

I rise in support of H.R. 4747, introduced by Congressman DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. H.R. 4747 designates the post office located at 6691 Church Street, in Riverdale, Georgia, as the Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building.

Major Greg Barney was a Riverdale police officer for 26 years before he was tragically shot and killed in the line of duty earlier this year. Major Barney was a United States Navy veteran, and we are thankful for his service to our country and to his community.

I will soon yield to my colleagues to tell us more about Major Barney's life and sacrifice. For now, I urge Members to support this bill to name a post office after Major Greg Barney in honor of his valiant service.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DAVID SCOTT), the sponsor of the bill.

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, first of all, let me thank Chairman JASON CHAFFETZ, chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, for helping me, for working with me, and for taking time with me in getting this bill through the Oversight and Government Reform Committee and here on the House floor for a vote before we break for the Memorial Day holiday observance.

Chairman CHAFFETZ and I had a wonderful conversation, and we both agreed that we wanted to get this bill out before the Memorial Day observance because this bill represents a most appropriate way for us to begin the observance of Memorial Day.

I thank Ranking Member ELIJAH CUMMINGS. I want to thank, also, the committee members of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. I want to thank Majority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY and Speaker PAUL RYAN for their help in moving expeditiously with this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I want to tell you that the idea for this bill came to me directly from the heart and the soul of the wonderful people of Riverdale, Georgia, who truly love and endear Major Barney.

Riverdale, Georgia, is an extraordinary city with a rich history. It is led by Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, Police Chief Todd Spivey, council members Cynthia Stamps-Jones, An'Cel Davis, Wanda Wallace, and Kenny Ruffin. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, council members Stamps-Jones and An'Cel Davis stopped by my office in Jonesboro and presented this idea to me.

I want to thank my chief of staff, Michael Andel, and my senior staffer here in Washington, William Burriss, for their tremendous work in helping. I also thank my district director, Chandra Harris, and deputy district di-

rector, Isaac DoDoo, for working with us in Georgia.

Now I want to say the other important thing about this bill. This is truly a bipartisan bill. This bill honoring Major Barney is cosponsored by all 14 members of the Georgia congressional delegation, Democrats and Republicans, and by both of our United States Senators, JOHNNY ISAKSON and DAVID PERDUE, who will handle this in the Senate.

I want to thank, as I look over and I see some of my Republican friends and colleagues on the floor, TOM PRICE, LYNN WESTMORELAND, and JODY HICE for joining us here for this important bill.

Now, Mr. Speaker, why we are here?

On February 11, 2016, Major Gregory E. Barney, who also, notably, was the very first African American interim police chief in the history of Riverdale, Georgia, was fatally shot in the line of duty while he was serving a warrant for the arrest of a drug dealer, the dregs of our community right now. Major Barney stepped up and responded. He was working with a detail of the Clayton County Police, their narcotics unit and their SWAT team; and they were there to put forward this warrant for this arrest, and the drug dealer shot Mr. Barney.

Now, the day of this tragic death, also, Mr. Speaker, the 11th of February, there was something else significant. It also marked the anniversary of his 25-year career. Major Barney was shot on the 25th anniversary of his 25 years of service to the Clayton County and Riverdale police forces.

So I know, with a heavy heart and deep condolences, that each of us in this United States Congress takes this moment to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Major Barney: his lovely wife, Lisa, and his two sons, Gregory and Robert. Mr. Speaker, these were twin boys who have lost their father.

It is most fitting, also, Mr. Speaker, that the post office that we are naming for Major Barney is located directly across the street from the Riverdale Police Department headquarters now. Mr. Speaker, it is also within the view of the apartment complex where the drug raid took place where Major Barney lost his life.

Mr. Speaker, Major Barney became the first police officer in Riverdale, Georgia, to be slain in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, as we are here and we look forward to that day when we name this post office, we hope that in some small way that, to the family, to his children, to the people of Riverdale, Georgia, and the people of this Nation, when they pass by this post office, they will be able to pass by with a sense of great pride, great respect, and great gratitude for Major Barney, who was truly a Georgia hero.

Not only was Major Barney a Georgia hero, he was an American hero. For, as you and I and all of us here in Congress know, when we recognize Major Bar-

ney, we are recognizing so many of our brave men and women who put their lives on the line every single day to protect us in law enforcement and in the military.

Mr. Speaker, Jesus Christ, just a few hours before he was crucified, said to his disciples: This is my commandment: that you love one another as I loved you.

And then Jesus said: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.

Mr. Speaker, such a man was Major Gregory E. Barney.

I ask this House for a unanimous "yes" vote.

God bless you.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. TOM PRICE).

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased to join my colleagues today to honor Major Greg Barney, who was tragically shot and killed, as has been defined, in the line of duty on February 11, this year, while serving in the city of Riverdale, Georgia.

Major Barney was a United States Navy veteran and had served with the Riverdale Police Department for over 25 years, including as a school resource officer at Riverdale High School. We all know what a selfless role that is, a true labor of love. Major Barney embodied the kind of courageous and valiant men and women we all want on our police forces.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Georgia's Sixth District, I offer our deepest condolences to his wife, Lisa, and their 15-year-old twin boys, Robert and Greg, and their family and friends. I offer our heartfelt gratitude for his service and sacrifice. It is because of his type of heroism that we all feel protected in our communities.

So this is a fitting tribute, Mr. Speaker, and I ask my colleagues to join us in support of H.R. 4747, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Church Street in Riverdale, Georgia, as the Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building.

My colleague DAVID SCOTT has worked tirelessly on this bill, and I am proud to be a cosponsor. I thank Congressman SCOTT for his efforts and this House for your support.

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

I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 4747, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Riverdale, Georgia, as the Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, we should pass this bill to honor Major Gregory Barney's 25 years of service to his community, in addition to his service to his country and to commemorate the life that he led. I urge its passage.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JODY B. HICE).

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from North Carolina for yielding.

I also rise in support of H.R. 4747, to designate the U.S. post office in honor of Riverdale Police Major Gregory E. Barney.

I also sincerely want to thank Congressman DAVID SCOTT from Georgia's 13th District for his great leadership on this bill.

As has been spoken already, Major Barney led a life of service both to his community and of devotion to his family. Starting his career as a firefighter and then later serving in an ambulance squad, Major Barney joined the Riverdale Police Department in 1990. There he served for the next 25 years, as has already been mentioned, serving, ultimately, as the first African American chief of police in Riverdale.

Tragically, as we have heard tonight, his life ended in a shooting while trying to execute a no-knock warrant. On that tragic night of February 11, he gave his life trying to bring drug dealers to justice. Although I did not know him personally, from all accounts, Major Greg Barney died just as he lived: going above and beyond the call of duty to make his community a better place.

It is fitting that the Riverdale Post Office that we are discussing is directly across the street from the Riverdale Police Department. It will serve as a daily reminder to all who enter those buildings of Major Barney's dedication to the community and of his valor in the line of duty.

Also, as has been mentioned, I would like for us to remember his loving wife, Lisa, and twin teenage boys, Robert and Greg, in our thoughts and prayers while they continue to mourn his passing.

I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 4747.

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND).

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today that my colleague, Congressman DAVID SCOTT, asked me to participate in this.

My father was a firefighter for 26 years in the city of Atlanta, and he died answering an alarm in 1972. So I understand the heartache of a family when a loved one goes to do their job, to be that first responder, that first person on the scene, and does not come back.

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I think it is particularly interesting that, in this case, this officer and his colleagues were serving a no-knock warrant. No-knock warrants are issued by a judge because they are basically the most protective type of warrant for

a police officer because they go in, and they know there is criminal activity or there are drug sales, gambling, or whatever the circumstance is, that they can go in.

Major Barney was out in the field and happened to give chase to a gentleman who ran out the back door. A lot of times when these first responders put their lives on the line, I don't think people understand that they have got a wife, such as he had, Lisa, sons, Robert and Greg, who he wanted to go home to that night. Those boys wanted their daddy to come home, and that wife wanted her husband to come home. He was out serving the community.

I think that is one of the great attributes that, if you look at Major Barney and how other people looked at him, it is what he did for his family, what he did for his community and all the different services that have already been mentioned here tonight. A lot of times, for some reason, the public does not want to understand that these law enforcement officers, these first responders, these medics who go out and do this, they do this for the protection of all of us—at the risk of their lives. Major Barney gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I think, as we remember his family and the other families tonight, we should remember them for a while and thank them.

We have just recently had another officer who was killed. We have to remember these people and their families and not only pray for the protection of the public servant, but pray for those families that, when that loved one leaves their house, like in my case, and you don't know whether your loved one is coming back, pray for them that they would have that strength and that encouragement and that love to let that loved one go do their job.

How appropriate, as has been mentioned, that this post office is right across the street from the Riverdale Police Department. A post office is somewhere where the community comes and gathers and talks. I don't think there is any more honorable tribute. I have lived in Riverdale. I know that area. I know that post office. I know how the community respects that, so there could be no greater tribute than to have a post office named after you.

I want to encourage all my colleagues to help us send a great message to this hero's family and support H.R. 4747.

Again, I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DAVID SCOTT), my friend, for letting me participate in this.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4747.

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.

LCPL GARRETT W. GAMBLE, USMC POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4877) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4877

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

SECTION 1. LCPL GARRETT W. GAMBLE, USMC POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC 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 "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALKER. 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 the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. WALKER. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4877, introduced by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON). H.R. 4877 designates the post office located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building.

Lance Corporal Gamble was a determined young man. Before he even graduated high school, he already decided to join the Marines. Less than a year after being deployed in Afghanistan, Gamble was killed when he stepped on an enemy land mine.