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H.R. 987—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office" (Altmire, D-PA)

Order of Business: H.R. 987 is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 16, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 987 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office."

Additional Information: According to the John Challis Courage for Life Foundation - a foundation established in May 2008 to provide sporting opportunities for student athletes with life-threatening illnesses - John Challis was diagnosed with [Hepatocellular Carcinoma \(HCC\)](#) at the age of 16, an adult form of liver cancer. He was diagnosed at Stage 4 of this cancer (which had already spread to his lungs) and survived 26 months after aggressive chemotherapy treatments.

Committee Action: S. 987 was introduced on February 11, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee held a mark-up on March 10, 2009 and the bill subsequently passed by voice vote.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy was provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 987 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: Although no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to establish Post Offices and post roads.

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H.R. 1217—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building" (Akin, R-MO)

Order of Business: H.R. 1217 is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 16, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1217 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building."

Additional Information: Specialist Peter J. Navarro died on December 13, 2005 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee while conducting combat operations in Taji, Iraq. Specialist Navarro joined the army following his graduation from high school in 2003, forgoing his acceptance to Truman State.

Committee Action: H.R.1217 was introduced on February 26, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee held a mark-up on March 10, 2009 and the bill subsequently passed by voice vote.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy was provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 1217 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

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H.R. 1284—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office" (Taylor, D-MS)

Order of Business: H.R. 1284 is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 16, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1284 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office"

Additional Information: Major Freeman was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President George W. Bush for his actions in Vietnam on Nov. 14, 1965. On November 14, 1965, Freeman's helicopters carried a battalion into the Ia Drang Valley for what became the first major confrontation between large forces of the American and North Vietnamese armies. The award's citation can be found [here](#). Nicknamed Too Tall, his actions were documented in the book and [movie](#) "We were Soldiers Once... and Young" written by Harold G. Moore. At the age of 80, Mr. Freeman passed away on August 20, 2008.

Committee Action: H.R.1284 was introduced on March 3, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee held a mark-up on March 10, 2009 and the bill subsequently passed by voice vote.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy was provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 1284 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

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