

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6803

To designate Newark Penn Station in Newark, New Jersey as the “Donald M. Payne, Jr. Transit Center at Newark Penn Station”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 17, 2025

Mrs. McIVER (for herself, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. KEAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. POU, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. served
6 the people of New Jersey with distinction as a Mem-
7 ber of the United States House of Representatives
8 from 2012 until his passing in 2024, representing

1 New Jersey's 10th Congressional District with deep
2 dedication and integrity.

3 (2) A native of Newark, New Jersey, Congress-
4 man Payne, Jr. was a lifelong public servant. Con-
5 gressman Payne, Jr. got his start with the New Jer-
6 sey Highway Authority, later served on the Essex
7 County Board of Freeholders, and eventually rose to
8 become President of the Newark City Council in
9 New Jersey. In these roles, as in Congress, he built
10 a reputation as a champion for public health, trans-
11 portation access, and social justice.

12 (3) In his time representing New Jersey's 10th
13 Congressional District, Congressman Payne, Jr. was
14 a tireless advocate for infrastructure investment and
15 public transit, serving as the Chairman and Ranking
16 Member of the House Committee on Transportation
17 and Infrastructure's subcommittee on Railroads,
18 Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

19 (4) Congressman Payne, Jr. was instrumental
20 in securing Federal funding for improvements to
21 Newark Penn Station, one of the most critical trans-
22 portation hubs in the Northeast, recognizing its im-
23 portance to the connectivity and economic vitality of
24 the region.

1 (5) In addition to his legislative work, Con-
2 gressman Payne, Jr. was known for his humor, de-
3 votion to his family, and signature colorful bow ties.
4 A friend to many, he consistently brought the voices
5 of those too often unheard to the halls of Congress,
6 and worked to extend the founding promises of our
7 Nation to all New Jerseyans.

8 (6) Redesignating Newark Penn Station in
9 Congressman Payne Jr.'s honor is a fitting tribute
10 to a public servant who helped secure pivotal invest-
11 ments in our Nation's railways and the City of New-
12 ark, New Jersey.

13 **SEC. 2. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR. TRANSIT CENTER AT NEW-**
14 **ARK PENN STATION.**

15 (a) DESIGNATION.—Newark Penn Station, located at
16 1 Raymond Plaza West, Newark, New Jersey, shall be
17 known and designated as the “Donald M. Payne, Jr.
18 Transit Center at Newark Penn Station”.

19 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
20 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
21 States to Newark Penn Station shall be deemed to be a
22 reference to the “Donald M. Payne, Jr. Transit Center
23 at Newark Penn Station”.

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