

(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 “Technical Sergeant Alma Gladys Minter Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members 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. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Cleveland, Ohio, for Technical Sergeant Alma Gladys Minter.

Ms. Minter spent her formative years in Cleveland, and following her high school graduation in 1939, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

During the Second World War, Alma was assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only all-Black women's unit to serve overseas.

Despite being vulnerable to daily bombings and gunshots, the Six Triple Eight battalion was able to sort through a backlog of 17 million pieces of mail destined for Allied soldiers in Europe in half the projected time.

Upon returning from the war, Technical Sergeant Minter lived a quiet life in Cleveland, Ohio, where she would often tell her children stories of her time in the Army and of the lifelong friendships made while serving our country.

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

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4635, introduced by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. BROWN).

I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. BROWN).

Ms. BROWN. Madam Speaker, I am very proud to see this legislation on the floor today, and I appreciate the support of both the ranking member and chair of the Oversight Committee.

This bill is about recognition, recognition that is a long time coming, recognition not just for one individual but an entire unit, and recognition for a group of Black women who have gone into history as the Six Triple Eight, the first and only all-Black Women's

Army Corps unit to serve overseas in World War II.

Tech Sergeant Alma Gladys Minter of Cleveland, Ohio, was one of those women. My bill would rename the Collinwood neighborhood Post Office in Cleveland in her honor.

In 1945, Sergeant Minter and more than 800 women were deployed to clear a backlog of 17 million pieces of mail for American troops in Europe. That is right, 17 million pieces of mail. The Army thought it would take 6 months to deliver. They finished the job in under 90 days. Therefore, it is hard to think of anything more fitting than naming a post office after Tech Sergeant Minter. When no one else could, she delivered the mail, and she did it ahead of schedule.

Sergeant Minter's work kept servicemembers connected to home and lifted morale at a critical moment in the war, but when the Six Triple Eight came home, they didn't receive the recognition they deserved. Sadly, Sergeant Minter and so many of her colleagues passed away before that could be rectified, but it is never too late to do the right thing. Renaming the post office after Sergeant Minter is a way to say thank you, to keep the story of the Six Triple Eight alive, and to right past wrongs.

This legislation is supported by 13 members of the Ohio delegation, Republicans and Democrats, and passed the Oversight Committee unanimously.

Over the past year, my office has been honored to get to know the Minter family and to help amplify her story. Naming the post office in honor of Tech Sergeant Minter is a way to ensure her legacy and the legacy of Six Triple Eight lives on in the hearts of the community she called home.

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Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Ohio, and I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the life of Ms. Minter in supporting this bill.

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

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill naming a post office for Alma Gladys Minter, and 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. 4635.

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.

MARTIN L. GRABER POST OFFICE

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4707) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Serv-

ice located at 1019 Avenue H in Fort Madison, Iowa, as the “Martin L. Graber Post Office”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4707

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

SECTION 1. MARTIN L. GRABER POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1019 Avenue H in Fort Madison, Iowa, shall be known and designated as the “Martin L. Graber 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 “Martin L. Graber Post Office”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam 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. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS).

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative GILL for yielding me time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my bill, H.R. 4707, a bill renaming the post office in Fort Madison, Iowa, after Martin L. Graber, a patriot who lived his entire life in the indelible service to his State, his community, and our Nation.

For 32 years, Martin Graber rose through the ranks of the Iowa Army National Guard, rising to the rank of brigadier general. Even beyond that, he and his wife, Coni, were almost the sole organizers of the Tri-State Rodeo, which happens every single year. It is a massive event in southeast Iowa. He and his wife, Coni, made sure that the rodeo was there, the horses were there, and the vendors were there. It is something that is looked forward to every August by everybody in the tristate area.

In addition to that, following his three-decade-long tenure serving our Nation in the Iowa Army National Guard, he served in the Iowa State House, working with his colleagues to better the lives of hardworking Iowans.

Every step of the way, he embodied the values we hold so dear in Iowa. Faith, family, and selfless work to his community, his State, and his Nation, things that we hold so dear, were the foundations for which Martin Graber lived.

Renaming the post office in Fort Madison in his honor is a small but everlasting gesture of appreciation for a man who spent his life serving his State and his Nation in the most decent and noble way possible, his service to our country.

As someone who had the blessing of working with Martin, I am deeply proud to be leading this effort, alongside my colleagues in the Iowa delegation and his family, to honor a man who gave everything to his community and to his country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to strongly vote “yes” on this bill.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today also in support of H.R. 4707 to honor the life of Martin L. Graber by naming the post office in Fort Madison, Iowa, after him.

Madam Speaker, I support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill naming a post office for Brigadier General Martin L. Graber, and 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. 4707.

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.

FIREFIGHTER TREVOR BROWN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5058) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46164 Westlake Drive in Sterling, Virginia, as the “Firefighter Trevor Brown Post Office Building”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5058

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

SECTION 1. FIREFIGHTER TREVOR BROWN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46164 Westlake Drive in Sterling, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the “Firefighter Trevor Brown 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 “Firefighter Trevor Brown Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam 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. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Sterling, Virginia, for Trevor Brown.

Trevor lost his life in the line of duty as a firefighter with the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company on February 16, 2024.

Trevor was deeply committed to serving others. Trevor’s deep sense of responsibility to his community was reflected in everything he did from volunteer firefighter to a dedicated youth soccer and baseball coach.

He is survived by his wife and their three young children. His community will never forget his heroism.

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

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5058, to designate the facility of the U.S. Post Office located at 46164 Westlake Drive in Sterling, Virginia, as the Firefighter Trevor Brown Post Office Building.

I introduced this legislation to honor the life of Firefighter Trevor Brown, a volunteer firefighter at Sterling Volunteer Fire Company who lost his life in the line of duty while responding to an emergency gas leak call in 2024.

This was an incident that shook our community in Loudoun County because Firefighter Brown was beloved in our community and left a lasting impact on all who knew him. He was a great husband, a father of three, and he coached youth soccer and baseball. The kids absolutely loved him. Whether it was teaching kids about teamwork or volunteering for late-night shifts at the firehouse, Firefighter Brown always found a way to give back to the community.

It is my hope that renaming this post office to honor Firefighter Brown will keep his memory alive, inspire others, and remind us of his incredible courage, honor and sacrifice, and the sacrifice of all of our first responders. I thank Firefighter Brown’s family and all of his friends who rallied around his family after his tragic death.

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

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill naming a post office for Trevor Brown, and 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. 5058.

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.

BERNIE BLUESTEIN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5773) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 1300 East Northwest Highway in Palatine, Illinois, as the “Bernie Bluestein Post Office Building”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5773

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

SECTION 1. BERNIE BLUESTEIN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 East Northwest Highway in Palatine, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the “Bernie Bluestein 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 “Bernie Bluestein Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam 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. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Palatine, Illinois, after Bernie Bluestein.

Mr. Bluestein was an American artist, innovator, and World War II veteran. As part of the top-secret Ghost Army unit, Mr. Bluestein used his artistic skills to create fake patches, signs, and vehicle stencils to deceive Nazi forces about the strength and location of American troops.

After serving in the Army, he worked as an industrial designer, assisting leading electronics companies, such as Zenith and Sunbeam, by designing products.