

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.

Mr. Bluestein passed away on March 25, 2026, at the age of 102.

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

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5773, introduced by my colleague from Illinois, Representative KRISHNAMOORTHY, and I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY).

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to urge my colleagues in supporting H.R. 5773, a bill to name the Palatine, Illinois, post office in honor of Bernie Bluestein.

As one of the heroic members of the World War II American secret unit known as the Ghost Army, Bluestein helped employ inflatable tanks, fake radio signals, and sound deception to mislead Nazi forces, saving thousands of lives and helping to turn the tide in Europe.

Bernie's impact did not end with his service. He embraced being a community leader in Palatine, becoming a beloved artist, mentor, and lifelong learner. He also enriched the Harper College community for decades and inspired generations of students with his creativity, humor, and humility.

Earlier this month, unfortunately, Bernie passed away after battling cancer. He truly was a fighter until the end. Honoring him with this designation ensures that his extraordinary contributions to our Nation and our community will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" and to pass this bill in honor of Bernie Bluestein.

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois for his remarks, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, naming a post office after war veteran Bernie Bluestein, 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. 5773.

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.

#### STAFF SERGEANT JOSE DUENEZ JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6020) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14855 South Van Dyke Road in Plainfield, Illinois, as the "Staff Sergeant Jose Duenez Jr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6020

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

#### SECTION 1. STAFF SERGEANT JOSE DUENEZ JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14855 South Van Dyke Road in Plainfield, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Staff Sergeant Jose Duenez Jr. 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 "Staff Sergeant Jose Duenez Jr. 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 Plainfield, Illinois, for Staff Sergeant Jose Duenez, Jr.

Sergeant Duenez tragically lost his life during a tactical training exercise while serving his country. He was known by his peers as a trustworthy and dedicated soldier and a natural leader, ultimately reaching the rank of staff sergeant in November 2020.

Sergeant Duenez was also a decorated soldier, receiving two Army Commendation Medals and many other achievements. Most importantly, he was a loving brother, husband, and father.

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. 6020, introduced by my colleague from Illinois, and I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. UNDERWOOD).

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia for yielding me time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 6020, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14855 South Van Dyke Road in Plainfield, Illinois, as the Staff Sergeant Jose Duenez Jr. Post Office Building.

Staff Sergeant Jose Duenez, Jr., was born on April 8, 1999, and raised in Joliet, Illinois, in my district. By the time he graduated from Joliet Central High School in 2017, he already knew that he wanted to serve his country in uniform. As soon as he finished high school, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he served his country with honor and bravery for 7 years as an M1 Abrams tank system maintainer.

Staff Sergeant Duenez' Army service included three overseas deployments: Poland in 2019, Germany in 2022, and Lithuania in 2025. He was promoted five times over the course of his Army service, ultimately reaching the rank of staff sergeant in November 2020.

During his service, he was recognized with two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, one Certificate of Achievement, two Army Good Conduct Medals, and a National Defense Service Medal.

In addition to his passion for service, Staff Sergeant Duenez also loved fishing and spending time with his family.

Tragically, on March 31, 2025, Staff Sergeant Duenez and three other U.S. soldiers were killed during an Army training exercise in Lithuania.

His record of exemplary service to his country is something that my constituents can all take pride in. That is why I introduced this bill to commemorate his sacrifice and establish a lasting reminder of his legacy.

We know that Staff Sergeant Duenez will never be forgotten by his wife, Karen; his son, Jose Duenez III; his mother, Leticia; his father, Jose; his five sisters; his 18 beloved nieces and nephews; or by the countless friends and neighbors in our community who knew and loved him.

This bill will ensure that the Illinoisans who were not fortunate enough to know him in life can still come to know him in spirit through the legacy he leaves behind and the impact he has had on our community.

Staff Sergeant Duenez was an extraordinary American who served his country with strength and resilience. This bill ensures that the Plainfield, Illinois, post office will bear his name as a reminder of his contributions not only to our country but to his community and family as a father, husband, brother, and son.

I am grateful to Senator DUCKWORTH for partnering with me on this effort and to all of my colleagues in the Illinois delegation for their support in honoring the life and legacy of Staff Sergeant Duenez.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote. Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. UNDERWOOD) for her comments. I encourage my colleagues to support her 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 an honored serviceman, Staff Sergeant Duenez, and I yield back the balance of my time.