

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.

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. 6020.

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.

PATRICIA PAIGE POST OFFICE

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6317) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12109 New Kent Highway in New Kent, Virginia, as the "Patricia Paige Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6317

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

SECTION 1. PATRICIA PAIGE POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12109 New Kent Highway in New Kent, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Patricia Paige 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 "Patricia Paige 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 gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN).

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of this piece of legislation to designate the New Kent Post Office in honor of a remarkable public servant, Patricia Paige.

Patricia was the very definition of a community leader, and her impact will be felt for generations.

I knew Patricia. She was an incredible lady, one who served both her country, her Commonwealth, and her community through those years.

After graduating from New Kent High School, she served our Nation honorably in the United States Army Reserve for 21 years, embodying the very best of service and sacrifice.

Patricia's commitment didn't end with her military service. Patricia con-

tinued to give back at home. She stepped forward in 2015 to serve on the New Kent County Board of Supervisors. Relected by her community multiple times, she earned the trust and respect of those whom she represented through her tireless dedication and steady leadership.

When Patricia saw an issue, saw a problem, or saw a challenge, she ran to that opportunity to make sure that she worked for her community. She was fearless, and she was selfless.

During her time on the New Kent County Board of Supervisors, Ms. Paige worked tirelessly to bring people together across generations. She created new opportunities for young people by ensuring student voices were included in local government, appointing high school students to county committees for the very first time. At the same time, she championed efforts to protect seniors by helping establish the Chickahominy Triad to educate older residents about fraud and technological threats.

Patricia was a fighter in every sense of the word. As a cancer survivor, Patricia courageously battled the disease multiple times, while supporting others who were facing similar struggles. She was so brave in the face of this devastating disease that you would never have known that she was facing countless challenges in her own private life and her own personal health as you saw her out in the community serving others.

Whether Patricia was organizing events like the Relay for Life or standing beside fellow survivors, she brought strength, compassion, and dignity to every effort that she pursued.

Beyond her many accomplishments, Patricia Paige will be remembered for her character, a leader with an infectious smile, a steadfast advocate, and somebody who never ever walked away from a challenge in the community.

Patricia never saw a stranger anywhere she went. She worked across the region to accomplish big things, like the extension and expansion of Interstate 64 through New Kent County, which was a passion of hers, and she made sure that that got done.

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I can tell you that when members of the legislature and members of the Regional Transportation Authority saw Patricia Paige, they knew what she was going to come and talk to them about and to make sure that her constituents had that modernized transportation system through the county—one that kept travelers safe, but also made sure that there was an economic opportunity in New Kent County based upon that main thoroughfare of Interstate 64.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to speak on behalf of this legislation today to rename the post office in New Kent County so that Patricia Paige's life and her legacy will continue to be recognized for generations to come.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6317 as well to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 12109 New Kent Highway in New Kent, Virginia, as the Patricia Paige Post Office.

Patricia Paige was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves and a longtime member of the New Kent County Board of Supervisors. She served her community for decades.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of this bill, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Patricia Paige by naming the post office in New Kent after her.

Madam Speaker, I urge passage of 6317, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the bill to honor Patricia Paige, 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. 6317.

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.

PHARMACIST'S MATE FIRST CLASS JOHN HARLAN WILLIS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. GILL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6808) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 417 West 7th Street in Columbia, Tennessee, as the "Pharmacist's Mate First Class John Harlan Willis Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6808

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

SECTION 1. PHARMACIST'S MATE FIRST CLASS JOHN HARLAN WILLIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 417 West 7th Street in Columbia, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "Pharmacist's Mate First Class John Harlan Willis 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 "Pharmacist's Mate First Class John Harlan Willis 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.