

the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Bluebonnet Drive in Stafford, Texas, as the "Leonard Scarcella Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5865

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

**SECTION 1. LEONARD SCARCELLA POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Bluebonnet Drive in Stafford, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Leonard Scarcella 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 "Leonard Scarcella Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. 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 H.R. 5865.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5865 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Bluebonnet Drive in Stafford, Texas, as the Leonard Scarcella Post Office Building.

Mayor Leonard Scarcella was a lifelong resident of Stafford. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.B.A. in accounting in 1962. He then went on to attend the University of Houston Law School and was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1967.

From 1963 to 1969, Mayor Scarcella served in the Texas National Guard with Active Duty in the United States Air Force, where he attained the rank of sergeant.

He was first elected as mayor of the city of Stafford in 1969 and was the longest continuous-serving mayor in the United States.

During his tenure as mayor, he fought for 6 years to create and implement the Stafford Municipal School District, the only breakaway school district in the Nation to gain the approval of the Federal courts and the only municipal school district within the State of Texas.

In addition, Mayor Scarcella initiated the Stafford Municipal Educational Television Station to bring vital, current, and informative programming about the city to citizens and businesses via cable and internet video streaming.

As well as serving as mayor, he held various positions, such as president of the board of directors of the Fort Bend County Industrial Development Corporation, chair of the Home Rule Charter Commission, and president of the Stafford Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the accomplishments of Mayor Scarcella by supporting H.R. 5865, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which honors Mayor Leonard Scarcella.

In 1969, Mayor Scarcella was first elected as the mayor of Stafford, Texas, a suburb of Houston. He continued to serve as mayor until his death in 2020, making him the longest continuous-serving mayor in the United States.

During his time as mayor, he helped the town develop a strong economy. Specifically, in 1995, he worked to eliminate the city property tax for all taxpayers and eliminated the town's general obligation debt in 2014. Mayor Scarcella was a true public servant.

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 5865, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5865.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 6 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 7, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter and the certificate of election received from Ms. Gail Fenumiai, Director, Alaska Division of Elections, indicating that, according to the official results for the Special General Election held August 16, 2022, the Honorable Mary S. Peltola was elected for Representative to Congress for the At Large Congressional District, State of Alaska.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
Clerk.

STATE OF ALASKA,  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS,  
Juneau, AK, September 2, 2022.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
Clerk, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: This is to advise you that the official results of the Special General Election held on August 16, 2022, for the Representative in Congress from the At Large Congressional District of Alaska, show that Mary S. Peltola received 51.48% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these official results that Mary S. Peltola was elected as Representative in Congress from the At Large Congressional District of Alaska.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

Sincerely,

GAIL FENUMIAI,  
Director.

STATE OF ALASKA—DIVISION OF ELECTIONS,  
JUNEAU  
CERTIFICATE

I, Gail Fenumiai, Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.15.450, a Special Election was held on the 16th day of August, 2022, in the State of Alaska pursuant to AS 15.40.140 and the following candidate was elected to the United States House of Representatives to fill the remainder of the unexpired term:

United States Representatives, Mary S. Peltola (Registered Democrat)

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, this 2nd day of September, A.D. 2022.

GAIL FENUMIAI,  
Director, Division of Elections.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 2, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of letters received from Mr. Todd D. Valentine and Ms. Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Directors, New York State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Elections held August 23, 2022, the Honorable Pat Ryan was

elected for Representative to Congress for the Nineteenth Congressional District, State of New York, and the Honorable Joseph Sempolinski was elected for Representative to Congress for the Twenty-Third Congressional District, State of New York.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*

NEW YORK STATE,  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS,  
Albany, NY, September 2, 2022.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR Ms. JOHNSON: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, for Representative in Congress from the 19th Congressional District of New York, show that Pat Ryan received 54,832 or 51.92% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Pat Ryan was elected as Representative in Congress from the 19th Congressional District of New York.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all (Part of Broome, Columbia, Delaware, Part of Dutchess, Greene, Part of Montgomery, Otsego, Part of Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties) involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by Law.

Regards,

TODD D. VALENTINE,  
*Co-Executive Director.*  
KRISTEN ZEBROWSKI  
STAVISKY,  
*Co-Executive Director.*

NEW YORK STATE,  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS,  
Albany, NY, September 2, 2022.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR Ms. JOHNSON: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, for Representative in Congress from the 23rd Congressional District of New York, show that Joseph Sempolinski received 39,011 or 53.06% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Joseph Sempolinski was elected as Representative in Congress from the 23rd Congressional District of New York.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Part of Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, part of Tioga, Tompkins and Yates Counties) involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Regards,

TODD D. VALENTINE,  
*Co-Executive Director.*  
KRISTEN ZEBROWSKI  
STAVISKY,  
*Co-Executive Director.*

#### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE PATRICK RYAN, OF NEW YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman

from New York, the Honorable PATRICK RYAN, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH SEMPOLINSKI, OF NEW YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New York, the Honorable JOSEPH SEMPOLINSKI, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect and the members of the New York delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representatives-elect will please raise their right hands.

Mr. RYAN of New York, Mr. SEMPOLINSKI of New York, and Mrs. PELTOLA of Alaska appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now Members of the 117th Congress.

#### WELCOMING THE HONORABLE MARY PELTOLA TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 1 minute.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, it is a rare privilege to be able to introduce as a new Member the dean of a delegation, but that is my particular pleasure today.

There are few honors greater, Madam Speaker, in this country than being elected by your neighbors and fellow Americans to represent them in the House of Representatives. I welcome Senator MURKOWSKI and Senator SULLIVAN to our Chamber and remind them you cannot be appointed to the House of Representatives. Only by election can one serve in the people's House.

It is an extraordinary honor to have your friends and neighbors choose you

to represent them in this body. When our friend and colleague Don Young passed away earlier this year, this House lost a giant. The people of Alaska lost a Representative who had served them with great ability, energy, courage, and commitment for half a century.

Earlier this month, Alaskans cast their votes to send a new Representative to carry their voice and views in Washington. The woman they chose just made history with the oath that she took. She made history by becoming the first Alaska Native to be elected to the Congress of the United States.

Madam Speaker, she also made history as the first woman not to represent Alaska but to represent Alaskans in the House of Representatives. Obviously, Senator MURKOWSKI represents them in the Senate.

In Representative MARY PELTOLA, Alaskans chose someone who was not only a friend of former Representative Don Young but also someone cut from the same cloth, someone who believes fundamentally in pragmatism, independence, and putting Alaska's unique needs first. The Senators applaud that, apparently.

Representative PELTOLA is widely known across Alaska not only for her strong record as a State legislator but as a champion for rural and Native communities who are too often overlooked by policymakers. Don Young did not let that happen. She won't, either.

She has built solid relationships across both parties in Alaska because of what many have called her extreme kindness and her determination to befriend all that she meets.

Her record reflects Alaskans' independent approach to the most divisive issues, and in her election, she appealed to Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. Her campaign slogan reflected what she and many others consider the three fundamentals of Alaska: fish, family, and freedom.

Indeed, she has already begun to assemble a bipartisan staff to serve her constituents. Representative PELTOLA has a long record of working well with Alaska Republicans and even campaigning for Republican Senator LISA MURKOWSKI, who is with us here today, when she faced a primary challenge from an extreme candidate.

What Alaskans have known and shown by them electing MARY PELTOLA is that, like so many other Americans, they want to be represented by someone who is focused on bipartisanship and not on confrontation. They want someone who will put people over politics and get things done.

That has been Representative PELTOLA's record back home in Alaska, and I know it will be her philosophy here in Washington. In so many ways, she is a perfect successor to Representative Young, who worked hard to make sure his fellow Republicans understood Alaskans' unique challenges and preferences on major issues.