

He was born in 1953 in Colombia and grew up in a modest, hardworking family. Even at a young age, he was passionate about education and wanted to help his community and did so by helping teach literacy while still a high school student.

After graduating high school, Jesus attended the University of de San Buenaventura Cali to pursue a degree in accounting.

In 1978, Jesus immigrated to Washington, D.C., to reunite with his mother and sisters in the hopes of seeking a better future.

In 1980, Jesus married the love of his life, Luz Miriam, who is here today with their children, Vanessa and Michael.

After working in accounting positions at various hotels, he applied to work for the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier, where he would embark on a 25-year career.

He made an impression early on and was given a temporary assignment in leadership which turned into a permanent offer. He ultimately turned it down to remain a letter carrier.

This turned out to be the right decision, as Jesus preferred to spend his days outdoors, building relationships on his route, and connecting with the neighborhood. He fell in love with that neighborhood so much that he waited patiently for the right opportunity to buy his own family home there. When the day came, his affable personality gave him an advantage over other buyers. So much so that the seller accepted his offer despite it being the lowest of all bids.

In 1999, Jesus and Luz moved their family from an apartment to a new single-family home on his mail route becoming his own mailman.

Motivated by a desire to spend more time with his family and particularly his friends, he retired in February 2019.

At the start of the pandemic, he discovered a lump on the side of his neck that turned out to be an aggressive cancer. On Monday, May 4, 2020, during his first oncology appointment, he was sent to the emergency room for COVID. He spent the next two weeks in ICU and suffered a stroke. And on June 6, Jesus took his last breath.

He was one of millions of Americans taken from us by COVID-19, but Jesus was also a treasure to our local community. Jesus will be remembered for his infectious personality, outstanding work ethic, and loyalty to his loved ones.

After his death, the Collazos family immediately began to receive an outpouring of love via messages, calls, cards, and meals from countless family members and friends. An outdoor memorial service for Jesus was held on June 26, 2020, where many came together to honor his memory.

The SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman.

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman.

As a testament to Jesus' impact, his U.S. Postal Service coworkers opened his outdoor memorial service with a mail truck parade.

We were lucky to have Jesus Collazos in our community. May his life be a reminder of the positive impact immigrants, new Americans, have on this country. Please join me, the Collazos family, and the Arlington community in honoring Jesus' memory by voting "yes."

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Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 7082, which honors Jesus Antonio Collazos, a former U.S. Postal Service employee.

Mr. Collazos immigrated to the United States from Colombia in 1978 with hopes of making the American Dream a reality.

Jesus had a 25-year career with the Postal Service, most of which was spent at a post office near D.C. in Arlington, Virginia.

He made a good impression early on in his career and was offered a leadership position. However, he ultimately turned down the position, continuing his work as a letter carrier because he preferred to spend his time outdoors and foster relationships with the people on his delivery route.

It is fitting that the post office on George Mason Drive in Arlington, Virginia, be renamed for Mr. Collazos.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill honoring a dedicated local public servant, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 7082, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7082.

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.

U.S. MARINE CORPORAL RONALD R. PAYNE JR. POST OFFICE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7638) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6000 South Florida Avenue in Lakeland, Florida, as the "U.S. Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr. Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7638

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

SECTION 1. U.S. MARINE CORPORAL RONALD R. PAYNE JR. POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6000 South Florida Avenue in Lakeland, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "U.S. Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr. 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 "U.S. Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr. Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. HERRELL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. 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 gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 7638 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6000 South Florida Avenue in Lakeland, Florida, as the U.S. Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr. Post Office.

Corporal Payne was born on December 31, 1980, in Lakeland, Florida. Upon graduating high school, he joined the Marine Corps. Corporal Payne was deployed to Iraq, as part of the initial phase of the war, where his battalion ran reconnaissance for the First Regimental Combat Team.

After returning from Iraq, he was deployed to Afghanistan 6 months later as a chief scout section leader. Corporal Payne was known as the gentle giant among his men.

On the night of his death, Corporal Payne was running a mission to confirm a Taliban and al-Qaida operative was meeting in a village with Taliban lieutenants when his unit came under fire. For his bravery, he earned a Bronze Star with combat valor.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the sacrifice of Corporal Payne by naming a post office in Lakeland, Florida, after him, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 7638, which names a Florida post office for Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne, Jr.

Upon graduating from Mulberry High School in Florida in 1999, Corporal Payne joined the Marine Corps and

completed boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina.

He was deployed to Iraq where his unit, the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, engaged in the initial invasion of the Iraq war.

Corporal Payne returned home from Iraq and only a few months later was deployed to Afghanistan to help with the country's elections. His mission changed when Afghanistan's elections were postponed.

On May 7, 2004, he ran a mission with his reconnaissance team to confirm that an al-Qaida operative was meeting in a village with Taliban lieutenants.

Corporal Payne was shot in the chest when he exposed himself to enemy fire to lay down suppressive fire, allowing a critically wounded fellow team member to drag himself behind cover.

Minutes later, Payne was mortally wounded by shrapnel from a rocket-propelled grenade.

For his selfless acts of heroism, after his death, Payne was awarded the Bronze Star medal with combat distinguishing device, in addition to a Purple Heart.

Corporal Payne's bravery, concern for his fellow marines, and desire to serve America embody the ethos of the Marine Corps. I encourage my colleagues to support this bill honoring an American war hero who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 7638, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7638.

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.

CAESAR H. WRIGHT JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6042) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 213 William Hilton Parkway in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, as the "Caesar H. Wright Jr. Post Office Building", as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6042

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

SECTION 1. CAESAR H. WRIGHT JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 213 William Hilton Parkway in Hilton Head Is-

land, South Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Caesar H. Wright 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 "Caesar H. Wright Jr. Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. HERRELL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. 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 gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6042 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 213 William Hilton Parkway in Hilton Head, South Carolina, as the Caesar H. Wright Jr. Post Office Building.

Mr. Caesar Wright was born on Hilton Head Island in 1935 when the island was sparsely populated by Gullah farmers and fishermen who had lived in the area since the end of the Civil War.

He attended public schools on Hilton Head, as well as Penn School on St. Helena. He went on to briefly attend Claflin College before serving in the U.S. Air Force.

In 1968, Mr. WRIGHT joined the Postal Service, serving one of the two existing routes on the island in those days. He was the island's first Black postal carrier and was an inspiration for his twin brothers, who both became postmasters.

Mr. WRIGHT delivered the mail for 29 years before retiring. Sadly, Mr. WRIGHT passed away in 2019 at the age of 84.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. WRIGHT by naming a post office on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, after him, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE).

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6042.

Born on Hilton Head Island in 1935, Caesar Wright grew up on a very different Hilton Head than most visitors and residents experience today. In his youth, the island was sparsely populated by Gullah farmers and fishermen, descendants of slaves, and individuals who lived on the island since the end of

the Civil War, many with close ties to Mitchelville, America's first Freedmen's Village.

Wright left Claflin College to serve our country in the U.S. Air Force.

He and his wife, Annette, then moved to their hometown of Hilton Head Island, where she served as a teacher and he served as one of Hilton Head's only postmen at the time.

Wright joined the U.S. Postal Service in 1968, serving one of the two existing routes on the island back in those days.

Wright was the island's first African-American postal carrier and opened many doors previously closed to Black men at the U.S. Postal Service.

Wright delivered the mail for 29 years, starting out on mostly sandy roads and ending up as one of the many carriers working within a single development, the Hilton Head Plantation.

He retired 22 years ago, but he was always seen and was always a huge part of the Hilton Head Island community.

Wright goes back to a day when mail carriers knew everyone on the island, their comings and goings, their heartaches and their habits. His customers adored him and would frequently call on him at home.

When Caesar Wright passed away in 2019 at the age of 84, all of the island's postal carriers united and gave him a funeral escort. Dozens of mail trucks escorted the flag-draped coffin of Caesar Wright to his final resting place on the banks of Skull Creek. His colleagues told reporters at the time that he exemplified customer service.

Today, in part because of Caesar Wright's work, Hilton Head Island has over 34 postal routes and three post offices, one of which will soon bear his name.

Today, the naming of this post office represents the Gullah roots of the community, the history in the community, and Caesar Wright's lifelong service to his Nation and to his community.

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill honoring a dedicated local public servant, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 6042, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6042.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 213 William Hilton Parkway in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, as the 'Caesar H. Wright Jr. Post Office Building'."