

ELIZABETH FURSE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 9549) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 South 1st Avenue in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the "Elizabeth Furse Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 9549

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

SECTION 1. ELIZABETH FURSE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 South 1st Avenue in Hillsboro, Oregon, shall be known and designated as the "Elizabeth Furse 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 "Elizabeth Furse Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) and the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LANGWORTHY. 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 this measure.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill which would rename a post office in Oregon after Elizabeth Furse. Ms. Furse was the first woman to be elected to Oregon's First District and the first African-born person to win a seat in the House of Representatives from Oregon.

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 9549.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI) for any remarks she may have.

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 9549, to designate the Elizabeth Furse Post Office Building in Hillsboro, Oregon. I thank all of my Oregon colleagues for their support on this bill.

Elizabeth Furse served northwest Oregon in Congress for 6 years. She was the first woman elected to represent Oregon's First Congressional District which I am now honored to represent.

When she was first elected, Elizabeth was only one of 48 women in the House.

Today, there are 127 women, thanks in part to the courageous example set by Elizabeth and other early congresswomen.

Elizabeth Furse was raised in a family that valued service and justice. Her father served in the British Navy when she was growing up in Nairobi, Kenya. Her mother launched an anti-apartheid women's group, and her grandmother was a commandant of the British Red Cross Voluntary Aid during World War II. Elizabeth knew that government has the power protect civil rights or to threaten them.

Beginning at her first anti-apartheid march when she was only 15 years old, she continued her family's legacy of service by advocating for those at the margins and continuing through her work, speaking on this very floor of the House of Representatives, where she championed the issues of human rights and social justice.

Elizabeth believed that Congress should look like the country it represents. Good policy comes when people of diverse backgrounds and experience shape it. We have come closer to that goal, but we have further to go.

Representative Furse came to Congress to advocate for meaningful change. She fought for Tribal sovereignty, social justice, and peace. She inspired dedication to worthy causes including cofounding the Oregon Peace Institute. She embodied the traits public servants should strive to uphold.

Elizabeth assisted countless people during her time in Congress and throughout her life. Her many achievements include helping the Grand Ronde, Klamath, and Coquille Tribes gain Federal recognition. That work meant a lot to her, and it certainly meant a lot to the Tribes.

She increased access to public transportation in our region by extending the light rail service to Hillsboro, and she was one of the original founders of the bipartisan Congressional Diabetes Caucus.

Elizabeth was a trailblazer and an inspiration to many, including me. She dedicated her life to service, bolstering the lives of people in northwest Oregon. I am privileged to have been able to call her a mentor and a friend.

Elizabeth lived many places before she came to Oregon in 1978, but she made our State her home. She will always be remembered as one of the smart, courageous women who shaped Oregon today.

When she faced adversity, she overcame it and opened the door for others to walk through. She pursued a non-traditional career path, and she fought tirelessly for justice.

I am honored to support this legislation to recognize her contributions to northwest Oregon by naming this post office, which is close to the home where she spent her final days, in her honor so people will be inspired by her example for years to come.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 20 seconds to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI).

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I know that I will continue to draw inspiration from her legacy and her commitment to justice.

On behalf of her friends, family, and former constituents, I request that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle support this important bill.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 9549, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to honor Elizabeth Furse by supporting this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOLINARO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 9549.

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.

MILLIE DUNN VEASEY POST OFFICE

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 9580) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Brentwood Road in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Millie Dunn Veasey Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 9580

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

SECTION 1. MILLIE DUNN VEASEY POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Brentwood Road in Raleigh, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Millie Dunn Veasey 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 "Millie Dunn Veasey Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) and the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LANGWORTHY. 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 this measure.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill which would rename a post office in North Carolina after Millie Dunn Veasey.

Committed to serving her Nation, Ms. Veasey joined the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps following the entrance of the United States into World War II.

Ms. Veasey passed away on March 9, 2018, at the age of 100 after a long life of civil and Federal service.

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 9580.

I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. Ross) for any remarks she may have.

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to speak in support of my bill naming the United States Postal Service facility at 2777 Brentwood Road in Raleigh after Staff Sergeant Millie Dunn Veasey.

This legislation pays tribute to the life and legacy of Millie Dunn Veasey, a remarkable woman whose contributions profoundly shaped not only our local community but our Nation.

Ms. Dunn Veasey's legacy began when the U.S. Army assigned her to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion as a typist. The 6888th was the only African-American unit in the Women's Army Corps to operate overseas during the war. This group of pioneering women sorted and delivered mail to soldiers, ensuring that they received vital letters from home. The unit adopted the phrase: "No mail, low morale."

These courageous women knew the power that these letters held for the soldiers who received them. The women worked tirelessly to develop a new mailing system and began successfully processing up to 195,000 pieces of mail each day.

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Ms. Dunn Veasey's courage and determination during this time was instrumental in the success of this mission and the story of her service is one of trailblazing leadership in the face of adversity.

After the war, Ms. Dunn Veasey returned to Raleigh and took advantage of the GI Bill, enrolling in Saint Augustine's University. She became active in the civil rights movement, working as an organizer in Raleigh to push for integrated public spaces.

After serving our country honorably overseas, she came home and recommitted herself to the pursuit of justice and equality for all.

In 2018, Millie Dunn Veasey passed away at the age of 100 in her hometown of Raleigh and was buried with distinct honor at the VA Raleigh National Cemetery.

Today, we can ensure that her legacy to the Postal Service lives on and celebrate her place in history as a figure who changed our community and country for the better.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I urge the passage of H.R. 9580.

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support this legislation to honor veteran and activist Millie Dunn Veasey, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 9580.

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.

WALTER FRANCIS ULLOA MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 8641) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Main Street in Brawley, California, as the "Walter Francis Ulloa Memorial Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8641

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

SECTION 1. WALTER FRANCIS ULLOA MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Main Street in Brawley, California, shall be known and designated as the "Walter Francis Ulloa Memorial 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 "Walter Francis Ulloa Memorial Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) and the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LANGWORTHY. 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 this measure.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Brawley, California, after Walter Francis Ulloa.

In 1996, Ulloa cofounded Entravision Communications, which expanded to be a global media outlet in over 40 countries.

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 8641, for Walter Francis Ulloa.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ).

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life and legacy of Walter Francis Ulloa, a friend and trailblazer who transformed Spanish-speaking television.

Walter grew up in the under-resourced, underserved city of Brawley with humble beginnings and a big dream. Walter was a visionary, a beloved husband, father, brother, and a dear friend.

He started his career at KMEX in Los Angeles, a Spanish language television station where he worked his way up from writing commentary to becoming the news director.

In 1996, he cofounded Entravision Communications, which grew to become a global digital media powerhouse with a presence in over 40 countries. Throughout his career, Ulloa remained deeply committed to diversity and Latino/Latina representation in the media.

I introduced H.R. 8641 to designate the U.S. Post Office building in Brawley, California, as the Walter Francis Ulloa Memorial Post Office Building. My bill is a token of gratitude for Walter Ulloa's legacy, which continues to inspire the people in Brawley, in the entire California's 25th District, and our Nation.

His legacy of service, leadership, and unwavering dedication will forever be a cornerstone of our community's history. I urge my colleagues to pass this bill.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I urge the passage of H.R. 8641, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this initiative to honor Walter F. Ulloa, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 8641.

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.