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H.R. 5385- Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office”. — (Rep. Wagner, R-MO)

Order of Business: [H.R. 5385](#) is scheduled for consideration on December 9, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office.”

Additional Background: [Army Sgt. Amanda Pinson from Lemay, Missouri](#), was killed on March 16, 2006, at the age of 21 when a mortar round detonated in Tikrit, Iraq. Sgt. Pinson was a 98C Signals Intelligence Analyst and the first female Signal Intelligence Analyst to ever be killed in combat. She was assigned to the 101st Military Intelligence Detachment, 501st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Airborne Division Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on July 31, 2014, by Representative Ann Wagner and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee where it awaits further action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Position was available at this time.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score is available at this time, but only the costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings and post offices are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 7. ‘The Congress shall have Power ... To establish Post Offices and post roads.’”

H.R. 5794- Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office" — (Rep. Wagner, R-MO)

Order of Business: [H.R. 5794](#) is scheduled for consideration on December 9, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office."

Additional Background: [Sergeant Zachary M. Fisher](#) from Ballwin, Missouri, was 24 years old when he was killed on July 14th, 2010, in Zabul Province, Afghanistan when insurgents attacked his military vehicle. Sgt. Fisher was assigned to the 618th Engineer Support Company, 27th Engineer Battalion, and 20th Engineer Brigade Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on December 4, 2014, by Representative Ann Wagner and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee where it awaits further action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Position was available at this time.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score is available at this time, but only the costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings and post offices are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 7. 'The Congress shall have Power ... To establish Post Offices and post roads.'"

H.R. 4030 - Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building". — (Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-FL)

Order of Business: [H.R. 4030](#) is scheduled for consideration on December 9, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building."

Additional Background: [Father Richard Livingston Marquess-Barry](#), is the Pastor of the Historic Saint Agnes' Episcopal Church located in Miami Florida. Father Barry is an ordained priest of the Episcopal Church and has served for over 46 years.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced on February 10, 2014, by Representative Rep. Frederica Wilson and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee where it awaits further action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Position was available at this time.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score is available at this time, but only the costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings and post offices are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution."

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H.R. 579 — To designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse" (*Thompson, D-MS*)

Order of Business: H.R. 579 is expected to be considered on December 8, 2018, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: H.R. 579 would designate the U.S. courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse.

Additional Background: According to the [Committee Report](#), "Mr. R. Jess Brown was a civil rights lawyer who worked against segregationist laws and was credited in the 1950s with filing the first civil rights suit in Mississippi." Brown passed away in 1989.

Committee Action: H.R. 579 was introduced on February 6, 2013 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee marked up and reported the bill by voice vote on [July 18, 2013](#).

Cost to Taxpayers: According to [CBO](#), H.R. 579 "would have no significant impact on the federal budget."

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following Clause 2 of Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution: The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State."

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H.R. 1378 — To designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the "James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse" (Peters, D-CA)

Order of Business: H.R. 1378 is expected to be considered on December 8, 2018, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: H.R.1378 would designate the U.S. Federal Judicial Center and the U.S. courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the "John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center" and the "James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse".

Additional Background: According to the [Committee Report](#), “John S. Rhoades, Sr. was a United States federal judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of California for 22 years... Judith N. Keep was a United States federal judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of California for 24 years... James M. Carter was a United States federal judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of California for 17 years.”

Committee Action: H.R. 1378 was introduced on March 21, 2013 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee marked up and reported the bill by voice vote on [February 11, 2014](#).

Cost to Taxpayers: According to [CBO](#), H.R. 1378 “would have no significant impact on the federal budget.”

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8.”

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**H.R. 4926 — To designate the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway" and the "James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway" in the State of Minnesota
(Nolan, D-MN)**

Order of Business: H.R. 4926 is expected to be considered on December 8, 2018, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: H.R.4926 would designate the segment of Interstate Route 35 between Forest Lake, Minnesota, and Duluth, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway."

Additional Background: According to the [Committee Report](#), Congressman James Oberstar represented Minnesota in Congress for 36 years from 1974 to 2011. He was Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee from 2007 to 2011. He passed away in May 2013.

Committee Action: H.R. 4926 was introduced on June 20, 2014 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee marked up and reported the bill by voice vote on [September 17, 2014](#).

Cost to Taxpayers: According to [CBO](#), H.R. 4926 “would have no significant impact on the federal budget.”

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1, and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.”

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H.R. 5146 — To designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse" (*Doyle, D-PA*)

Order of Business: H.R. 5146 is expected to be considered on December 8, 2018, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: H.R. 5146 would designate the U.S. courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse."

Additional Background: According to the [Committee Report](#), “Joseph F. Weis Jr. served as a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from 1973 until assuming senior status in 1988 and served in that capacity until his death in 2014.”

Committee Action: H.R. 5146 was introduced on July 17, 2014 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee marked up and reported the bill by voice vote on [September 17, 2014](#).

Cost to Taxpayers: According to [CBO](#), H.R. 5146 “would have no significant impact on the federal budget.”

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the United States Constitution.”

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**H.R. 5562 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the "Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building" —
(Capps, D-CA)**

Order of Business: [H.R. 5562](#) is scheduled for consideration on December 8, 2014, under a suspension of the rules, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the “Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building”.

Additional Background: [Scott Williams](#) was killed in the line of duty at the U.S. Penitentiary in Lompoc, California by and inmate on April 3, 1997. In addition to serving as a Senior Officer Specialist in the penitentiary system, Williams was a Marine who served in Operation Desert Storm.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced by Representative Capps on September 18, 2014, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform where it awaits further action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time, but the only costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: "Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution, which reads: "The Congress shall have Power ... To establish Post Offices and post Roads"

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution, which reads: "The Congress shall have Power. . .To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof."

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**H.R. 5687 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office" —
(Hahn, D-CA)**

Order of Business: [H.R. 5687](#) is scheduled for consideration on December 9, 2014, under a suspension of the rules, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office".

Additional Background: [Juanita Millender-McDonald](#) represented the 37th district of California and served in the House of Representatives from 1996 until her death in 2007. While serving in Congress she was named the Chairwoman of the House Committee on Administration in the 110th Congress. In addition, she was a member of the Congressional Black Caucus and of the New Democrat Coalition.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced by Representative Hahn on November 11, 2014, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform where it awaits further action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time, but the only costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: “According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress. Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.”

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**S. 1434 - To designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the "Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic" —
(Senator Moran, R-KS)**

Order of Business: [S. 1434](#) is scheduled for consideration on December 9, 2014, under a suspension of the rules, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill designates the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

Additional Background: [Lieutenant Seitz](#) joined the Army in 1939 and joined the sixth jump school class making him one of the first paratroopers. He rose quickly in ranks and became the Army's youngest battalion commander. By the end of WWII, Seitz earned the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He retired in 1975 after serving nearly 37 years in active duty. On June 8, 2013, he died at the age of 95.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced by Senator Moran on August 1, 2013, and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. On January 14, 2014, the bill was discharged from the committee by unanimous consent. It passed the Senate by unanimous consent on January 1, 2014.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time, but the only costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Constitutional Authority: Senate rules do not require the inclusion of a constitutional authority statement.

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S. 229 - Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Act of 2013 — (Senator Toomey, R-PA)

Order of Business: [S. 229](#) is scheduled for consideration on December 9, 2014, under a suspension of the rules, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill designates the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

Additional Background: Michael Crescenz enlisted in the Army in 1968, and soon after went to Vietnam. While serving as a rifleman he [exhibited](#) “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action” after the North Vietnamese Army opened fire on his company and left many of his fellow soldiers trapped or killed. As a result of his actions, his company was able to complete its mission; however, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. He received a posthumous promotion to the rank of Corporal, and was the only Philadelphian to receive the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced by Senator Toomey on February 7, 2013, and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. On December 3, 2014, the bill was discharged from the committee by unanimous consent. It passed the Senate by unanimous consent on December 3, 2014.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time, but the only costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Constitutional Authority: Senate rules do not require the inclusion of a constitutional authority statement.

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**S. 2921 - To designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the "Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic" —
(Senator Durbin, D-IL)**

Order of Business: [S. 2921](#) is scheduled for consideration on December 9, 2014, under a suspension of the rules, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill designates the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the “Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic”.

Additional Background: [Lane Evans](#) was a member of the House of Representatives, representing the 17th District of Illinois, from 1983-2007. He was a founding member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and is considered one of the most liberal members of the House. While serving in Congress, Evans was the senior Democrat on the House Veterans Affairs Committee. As a former Marine who served in Vietnam, Evans pushed for legislation which dealt with Agent Orange, PTSD, and traumatic brain injury.

Committee Action: This bill was introduced by Senator Durbin on November 13, 2014, and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. On December 3, 2014, the bill was discharged from the committee by unanimous consent. It passed the Senate by unanimous consent on December 3, 2014.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time, but the only costs associated with naming U.S. federal buildings are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Constitutional Authority: Senate rules do not require the inclusion of a constitutional authority statement.

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