

NORMANDIA MALDONADO POST
OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3870) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 West 165th Street in New York, New York, as the "Normandia Maldonado Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3870

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

SECTION 1. NORMANDIA MALDONADO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 West 165th Street in New York, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Normandia Maldonado 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 "Normandia Maldonado Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in consideration of H.R. 3870, to designate the facility of the United States Post Office located at 511 West 165th Street in New York, New York, as the Normandia Maldonado Post Office Building.

When Normandia Maldonado came to the United States in 1960, she brought her love for the arts and her passion for serving the community. She began her career as a dancer and teacher while also becoming actively involved in the Washington Heights community as an activist and a leader.

Ms. Maldonado promoted Dominican culture in New York City and was a pioneer in the development of Dominican history in the United States. She cofounded the second oldest Dominican cultural institution in New York, the Instituto Duarte of the United States.

Ms. Maldonado also founded a ballet company, Casandra Dameron Hall of Fame, and was a founding member of the Dominican Day Parade.

Ms. Maldonado was an artist, activist, leader, and legend who made piv-

otal contributions to the Washington Heights community, Dominican culture in America, and all New Yorkers.

I would like to thank my colleague and friend, Representative ESPAILLAT, a distinguished member of the New York delegation, for introducing this measure to honor a great artistic and community leader.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3870, which would name a New York City post office after Normandia Maldonado.

Normandia Maldonado was born in the Dominican Republic, where she developed a love for the arts and a passion to serve her community. She took this love and passion to New York City in 1960, when she came to the U.S. to star in the Cuban film "Busquen A Ese Hombre."

She began to plant roots in the Washington Heights community and worked to promote Dominican culture in the area. She cofounded Club Civico y Cultural Juan Pablo Duarte, which is the second oldest Dominican cultural institution in New York. She also founded what is now known as the Dominican Day Parade.

Her contributions have impacted countless Dominicans and New Yorkers.

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

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 3870, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Normandia Maldonado, an icon of Dominican culture, and my bill H.R. 3870, which designates the U.S. Post Office located at 511 W. 165th Street in Washington Heights as the "Normandia Maldonado Post Office Facility."

Normandia Maldonado is renowned for her decades of artistic leadership within the Dominican diaspora of New York City, where she cofounded Club Civico y Cultural Juan Pablo Duarte, Inc., directed and released various films, and helped establish the Dominican Day parade.

But, perhaps even more so, she is revered as a pioneering activist who was instrumental in the establishment of the Dominican population within the mosaic of New York City.

From the time she arrived in New York City in 1960, the Dominican diaspora leaned on her fiery yet elegant and inspirational character.

And much like the United States Postal Service, Normandia ALWAYS answered the call to service, especially for the Dominican community and our fellow New Yorkers.

She taught in neighborhood schools.

She led efforts in the community to build a statue in honor of Juan Pablo Duarte, the Dominican Republic's foremost founding father.

And she established the Cassandra Damiroń Hall of Fame to ensure that fellow Dominican artists' accomplishments and talent receive the recognition they deserve.

In the wake of the Administration's unprecedented attacks on the Postal Service, I am honored to enshrine and underscore Ms. Maldonado's altruistic spirit, fortitude, and commitment to public service via this designation at the facility on 165th Street.

This will stand for decades in the community and hopefully come as a reminder—and perhaps a mandate—to the Postal Service employees working there, who I know will weather this Administration's storm of punitive policies and will continue to dutifully serve the people of Washington Heights and New York City.

I want to thank my friend and fellow New Yorker, Chairwoman CAROLYN MALONEY, for her help in bringing this to the floor, Government Operations Subcommittee Chairman GERRY CONNOLLY, and the staff of the Committee on Oversight and Reform for helping us through this process.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CASTEN of Illinois). 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. 3870.

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.

OFFICER ROBERT GERMAN POST
OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5062) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9930 Conroy Windermere Road in Windermere, Florida, as the "Officer Robert German Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5062

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

SECTION 1. OFFICER ROBERT GERMAN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9930 Conroy Windermere Road in Windermere, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Officer Robert German 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 "Officer Robert German Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

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