

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 29, 2016

The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs  
340 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs  
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Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Carper:

We write in full support of H.R.6282, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2024 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, New York, as the “Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Post Office Building.”

Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. was born in Washington, D.C. in 1922. Growing up in segregated schools, it was a visit to the Smithsonian Institution that sparked his deep interest in aviation. During World War II, he joined the famed Tuskegee Airmen and became the first African-American fighter pilot to shoot down a German fighter jet. He would go on to conduct some 68 missions for his country. In 2007, Dr. Brown and the remaining Tuskegee Airmen were presented with a Congressional Gold Medal from President George W. Bush for their heroism.

In New York City, Dr. Brown became a quiet-yet-trusted leader that many turned to during the racial discord of the 1960s and 1970s. He turned his words into action when he founded and became president of 100 Black Men, a civic organization that advocated for better treatment of African-Americans in the City. Dr. Brown obtained his graduate and doctoral degrees from New York University and later became its director of Afro-American Affairs and a professor of education. He went on to serve as president of Bronx Community College for 17 years. Dr. Brown passed away in The Bronx at the age of 94 on July 2, 2016.

There is no question that Dr. Brown’s life left an indelible mark on The Bronx, New York City, and the Nation. Naming this post office would be a fitting way to honor his legacy and the many enduring contributions he gave to us all. We are proud to offer our strong support for this bill, and thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marissa Emanuel (Schumer) at [Marissa\\_Emanuel@schumer.senate.gov](mailto:Marissa_Emanuel@schumer.senate.gov) or Alyson Northrup (Gillibrand) at [Alyson\\_Northrup@gillibrand.senate.gov](mailto:Alyson_Northrup@gillibrand.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator



Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator