

To the office of U.S. Representative Shomari Figures

Re: HR 6006 (119th Congress), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 North Elm Street in Tuskegee, Alabama, as the "Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Post Office". • Latest action (2026-09-17): Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Post Office
Designation with Cost Cap and Oversight

The measure, as described from the official record: Honor the Tuskegee Airmen by naming the federal post office in Tuskegee, Alabama, after them.

THE PROPOSAL

Congress has plain power to do this naming. Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 grants Congress power to establish post offices, and Clause 18 allows laws needed to carry that power into effect, while the Tenth Amendment leaves state and local honors untouched. This naming would use only that federal postal power and would create no control over state or local memorials.

The VFA proposal would designate the United States Postal Service facility at 401 North Elm Street in Tuskegee, Alabama, as the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Post Office. The official summary states the original bill would do the same. VFA would add clear cost, timing, and oversight terms to keep the honor simple and accountable.

Any reference in federal records, maps, or papers to that facility would use the new memorial name after enactment. Daily mail service, staffing, hours, and customer rights would not change. The change would be limited to the name and related signs and documents.

The strongest concern is that even small namings use federal money and staff time. This proposal would answer that concern with a \$50,000 cap paid only from existing Postal Service operating funds, with no new tax funds, and with spending authority tied to the naming expiring five years after enactment. The Postal Service would report to Congress when the work is done.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS (VFA PROPOSAL)

Effective Date	This designation would take effect on the date of enactment.
Enforcement Mechanism	The Postmaster General would update facility signage and official references; no civil or criminal penalty would apply.
Funding Amount	Capped at \$50,000 in existing Postal Service operating funds for signage and records changes, with no new appropriation
Funding Source	Existing operating funds of the United States Postal Service, with no additional appropriation
Oversight Body	United States Postal Service, with notice to Congress upon completion of the renaming

Sunset Years 5 years

CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS

- Article I, Section 8, Clause 7
 - Article I, Section 8, Clause 18
 - Tenth Amendment
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WHY BOTH SIDES CAN BACK IT (VFA'S ASSESSMENT)

VFA assesses this draft honors Democratic priorities by recognizing the service of Black military aviators and preserving civil rights history in a public place. It honors Republican priorities by keeping the scope narrow, limiting federal cost to existing funds, adding a sunset on related spending, and creating no new regulation, mandate, or tax funds.

CHECK BEFORE RELYING ON THIS

Basis: The facts in this draft rest on the Congress.gov summary of H.R. 6006, which states the bill would designate the Postal Service facility at 401 North Elm Street in Tuskegee, Alabama, as the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Post Office, and on the recorded latest action showing Senate referral.

The full bill text and current law were not part of the official summary. Readers should verify at the Congress.gov bill page the exact legal language, any cost estimate, signage rules, and current procedural status before treating this proposal as final.

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