

To the office of U.S. Representative Jasmine Crockett

Re: HR 10755 (119th Congress), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 475 East FM 1382 in Cedar Hill, Texas, as the "Eugene Gates Jr. Post Office Building". • Latest action (2026-10-06): Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
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Eugene Gates Jr. Post Office Designation with Cost Cap and Review

The measure, as described from the official record: Honor Eugene Gates Jr. by naming the United States Postal Service facility at 475 East FM 1382 in Cedar Hill, Texas after him.

THE PROPOSAL

The Constitution gives Congress direct power to do this job. Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 grants Congress power to establish post offices. Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 allows the steps needed to carry that power out, such as signs and records. The Tenth Amendment is respected because the VFA proposal places no duty on Texas, Cedar Hill, or any private person.

The VFA proposal would designate the United States Postal Service facility at 475 East FM 1382 in Cedar Hill, Texas as the Eugene Gates Jr. Post Office Building. The official summary states the original bill would do the same. VFA would add cost controls, a clear start date, and public reporting to keep the honor simple and transparent.

The designation would apply only to that named postal facility. Mail service, addresses, and postal operations would not change. References to the facility in federal records would use the new name after the effective date. The Postal Service would install updated signage within 180 days of enactment.

The strongest objection is that even honorary namings should be fiscally restrained and transparent. The VFA proposal answers that concern with a \$15,000 cap paid from existing Postal Service operating funds, no new funds, and no new tax or fee. The Postmaster General would send a short written notice to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform confirming completion and final cost.

Congress would review the naming after 10 years as a VFA-proposed check. If Congress takes no further action, the underlying postal operations would continue without interruption.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS (VFA PROPOSAL)

Effective Date	Enactment, with signage updated within 180 days
Enforcement Mechanism	Postal Service updates facility name in records and signage; no fines or private lawsuits; oversight body reports compliance to Congress
Funding Amount	Capped at \$15,000 in existing Postal Service funds for signage and records

Funding Source	Existing United States Postal Service operating funds, with no new appropriation
Oversight Body	Postmaster General, with notice to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
Sunset Years	10 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 for recognizing community service and keeping a visible public postal presence in Cedar Hill, and honors Republican priorities for fiscal restraint, no new spending, no mandate on Texas or Cedar Hill, and respect for local heritage through a narrow honorary act.

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CHECK BEFORE RELYING ON THIS

Basis: The Congress.gov summary of the bill states it would designate the postal facility at 475 East FM 1382 in Cedar Hill, Texas as the Eugene Gates Jr. Post Office Building, and the record states referral to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on 2026-10-06.

The full bill text and current law were not shown in the official summary reviewed here; readers should verify at Congress.gov the exact facility description, any cost estimate, dedication procedures, and current procedural status before relying on this draft.

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