

To the office of U.S. Representative Danny K. Davis

Re: HR 10429 (119th Congress), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 Lake Street in Oak Park, Illinois, as the "Detective Allan Reddins Post Office Building". • Latest action (2026-09-16): Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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Detective Allan Reddins Post Office Designation with Cost Cap and Oversight

The measure, as described from the official record: Honor Detective Allan Reddins by naming the Postal Service facility at 901 Lake Street in Oak Park, Illinois after him.

THE PROPOSAL

The Constitution gives Congress power to name this federal post office, and limits that power to federal property. Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 grants power over post offices, with Clause 18 for laws needed to carry it out, while the Tenth Amendment keeps all other property and police powers with the states and people. That is why this SI proposal applies only to the one federal building.

The SI proposal would designate the Postal Service facility at 901 Lake Street in Oak Park, Illinois as the Detective Allan Reddins Post Office Building. The official summary states the original bill has the same goal. The VFA proposal keeps that honor intact while adding cost control and clear limits.

The designation would apply only to that federal facility for postal and ceremonial purposes. It would not change mail delivery, rates, local zoning, or private property rights. All references in federal maps, records, and plaques would use the new name after the effective date. The strongest objection is that even small namings can grow costs or federal reach, and this draft answers it with a fixed spending cap, existing funds only, and no new duties on states or private owners.

Total federal spending for new signs, plaques, and records changes would be capped at \$50,000 from existing Postal Service operating funds. No new funds would be authorized. The Postal Service Office of Inspector General would publish a short annual cost report to Congress until the work is complete.

The naming authority would sunset after 10 years for review, but the name would remain unless Congress acts to change it. This keeps the honor stable while giving Congress a regular point to check costs and need. The measure would take effect 90 days after enactment, with signs in place within 180 days.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS (VFA PROPOSAL)

Effective Date 90 days after enactment, with signage updated within 180 days

Enforcement Mechanism	The Postmaster General shall update facility records and signage, and the Inspector General may review spending for compliance with the budget cap
Funding Amount	Capped at \$50,000 in existing Postal Service operating funds
Funding Source	Existing United States Postal Service operating funds, with no new tax and no new appropriation
Oversight Body	United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General with an annual public cost report to Congress
Sunset Years	10 years

CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS

- Article I, Section 8, Clause 7
- Article I, Section 8, Clause 18
- Tenth Amendment

Concerns with the measure as written:

- No major rights or federalism concern is shown in the official summary, but any naming law should stay limited to federal property and avoid new duties or spending without a clear limit.

WHY BOTH SIDES CAN BACK IT (VFA'S ASSESSMENT)

As VFA assesses it, Democrats or progressives gain public honor for a fallen local officer and support for a community postal facility in Illinois, while Republicans or conservatives gain a narrow, low-cost measure with no new regulation, no new federal power beyond the named building, and a firm spending cap from existing funds.

Strongest objection, and the answer: The strongest objection is that even small namings can grow costs or federal reach, and this draft answers it with a fixed spending cap, existing funds only, and no new duties on states or private owners.

CHECK BEFORE RELYING ON THIS

Basis: The Congress.gov summary of H.R. 10429 in the 119th Congress states the bill would designate the Postal Service facility at 901 Lake Street in Oak Park, Illinois as the Detective Allan Reddins Post Office Building, was introduced on September 16, 2026, and was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

The full bill text and current law were not shown in the official summary. A reader should verify at Congress.gov the exact facility description, any cost estimate, signage rules, and whether related naming standards or postal rules affect this designation. All cost limits and oversight steps described here are new proposed safeguards.

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