

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs  
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gary C. Peters  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs  
442 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Peters:

We write in support of H.R. 4971, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 East Market Street in Leesburg, Virginia, as the “Norman Duncan Post Office Building”.

Mr. Duncan was born in 1919 to Jewish immigrants from Lithuania and grew up in Manhattan, New York, before his family moved to Washington, DC. Mr. Duncan was drafted into the United States Army during World War II and became a member of the 29th Infantry Division, 116th Regiment, E Company. Following a training accident, he was reassigned to General Eisenhower’s extended staff and special services division where he rose to the rank of Master Sergeant and was in charge of logistics and supply for U.S. bases in Great Britain and supported Operation Torch in North Africa and Operation Overlord in Normandy, France. For his service, Mr. Duncan was awarded the Legion of Honor from France in 2018.

After his service in the military, Mr. Duncan made his home in McLean, Virginia, and worked as a transportation logistics specialist. He was an advocate for minority participation in the transportation industry and volunteered his skills and expertise for two presidential administrations, serving on President Carter’s National Defense Executive Reserve and consulting on transportation logistics for President Reagan’s inaugural committee.

Mr. Duncan was also active in his community, serving on the Loudoun County Transportation Economic Development Committee and as a board member of the Loudoun Symphony. Mr. Duncan was a founder of the Labor of Love Day for caregivers, celebrated every Labor Day in Loudoun County, and served as chairman of the International Caregivers Association. In 2016, he was named one of the 100 most influential people in Loudoun County.

Mr. Duncan died on August 16, 2019, at the age of 100, two months after attending the 75th anniversary and commemoration of the D-Day landings in Normandy. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Marshall at [Lauren\\_Marshall@warner.senate.gov](mailto:Lauren_Marshall@warner.senate.gov) or Donald Pollard at [Donald\\_Pollard@kaine.senate.gov](mailto:Donald_Pollard@kaine.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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Mark R. Warner  
United States Senator



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Tim Kaine  
United States Senator