

# United States Senate

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

The Honorable Gary C. Peters  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
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Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Peters,

We are writing to express our support for H.R. 7810, a bill that designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3519 East Walnut Street in Pearland, Texas, as the "Tom Reid Post Office Building".

Mayor Tom Reid of Pearland, Texas is a World War II veteran. After growing up in central Texas, he graduated from high school and immediately joined the U.S. Navy. He served in the Pacific Theater and subsequently attended the University of Texas at Austin where he studied engineering and law.

Mayor Reid has dedicated most of his life to public service. His experience with disarming limpet mines and designing pressure-resistant valves while in the Navy led him to a job with the Johnson Space Center.

From 1965-1997, Mayor Reid worked on several seminal NASA programs. As a supervisor and manager he worked on projects including Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, and the Space Shuttle Program. While at the Johnson Space Center, Mayor Reid also served on the Pearland city council for five years before being elected as mayor in 1978 and serving through 1990. He was re-elected in 1993 and has served as Pearland's mayor through present day. However, after his long and exemplary tenure as mayor, Tom Reid plans to retire on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Renaming this Pearland post office is a great way to honor Mayor Reid's hard work and dedication to the people of Pearland. It is also a great way to honor

Mayor Reid for his service to the United States space program and the inspiration he has passed down to the men and women who will serve as the future of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

We strongly support passage of H.R. 7810, and appreciate your consideration of its merits. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Bryan Bashur at [Bryan\\_Bashur@cruz.senate.gov](mailto:Bryan_Bashur@cruz.senate.gov) or Jacob Smith at [Jacob\\_Smith@cornyn.senate.gov](mailto:Jacob_Smith@cornyn.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz  
United States Senator



John Cornyn  
United States Senator