

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 25, 2018

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

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
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Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member McCaskill:

We write in support of H.R. 6116, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 362 North Ross Street in Beaverton, Michigan, as the "Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office." The Beaverton community has voiced their support for bestowing this honor upon Colonel Asch.

Colonel Alfred "Al" Asch was born and raised on a farm in Beaverton, Michigan. In 1941, he joined the United State Army Air Corps 93rd Bomb Group and flew the B-24 Liberator in 28 successful combat missions, including the defeat of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in North Africa. Colonel Asch returned to Italy and the European Theater with the 455th, flying an additional 42 combat missions over Nazi Germany.

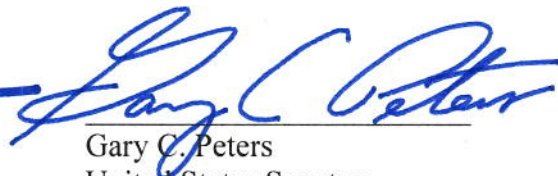
Following WWII, Colonel Asch remained in the Air Force, earning his Command Pilot Wings and was directly involved in the automation of the Air Force in the early 1950s. He was a member of the project team that developed COBOL, a breakthrough computer language. During his military service, Colonel Asch received numerous decorations, earning 13 medals including the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with the Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart. Colonel Asch passed away on December 8, 2013, at the age of 93.

We respectfully request that this legislation be reported out of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Ruskowski in Senator Stabenow's office at 4-1994 and Devin Parsons in Senator Peters' office at 4-6540.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator



Gary C. Peters
United States Senator