

□ *Bill to Go to President Obama for Final Signature*

Washington, DC – In an effort led by Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore), the House today passed a bill that would designate the U.S. Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Ave. in Northeast Portland as the “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office.” The bill was supported by every member of the Oregon delegation in both the House and the Senate.

The bill is the result of a community effort led by local letter carriers Jamie Partridge and Isham Harris. In 2007, Mr. Partridge and Mr. Harris collected employee signatures supporting the renaming, as well as letters of support from the Piedmont and Concordia Neighborhood Associations, and the Sabin Community Association.

Following is a statement from Congressman Blumenauer:

“I am proud to send this bill to President Obama on behalf of Isham Harris and Jamie Partridge, two dedicated Portland carriers who spearheaded this effort. Naming the post office after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will serve as a daily reminder of his work and the work that continues to make America a more just nation. For me, it is an honor to finish the grassroots effort that began two years ago and send this legislation to the President.”

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