

M\_. Speaker,

I thank the gentleman for yielding. I rise today in support of my bill, H.R.3865, which would rename the post office at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the "Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building."

Lt. William D. Lebo of the Lebanon City Police Department tragically lost his life in the line of duty on March 31st, 2022, while responding to a domestic-related burglary incident. During his memorial, my good friend, Lebanon County District Attorney Pier Hess Graf, said that Lt. Lebo's last words to his men before entering the house that fateful day were "I'm going to go in first, and I'm going to keep you safe."

That is the kind of police officer Lt. Lebo was, a man who was willing to give his life to protect his fellow officers. He served the Lebanon Police Department and his community faithfully for 40 years and was just 30 days from retirement at the time of his passing.

His fellow officers say there is not a day that goes by without members of the Department sharing fond memories of Lt. Lebo, of which they say

there are many.

I am told a story often shared fondly is that Lt. Lebo would always drive around in his patrol car with the windows down to both better interact with the community he served but also to more easily hear if someone needed help. He was an incredible, community-oriented police officer, who served as a model of what law enforcement should be.

Lt. Lebo is survived by his loving wife, Lora, his daughter, Corrine, and his mother Rina.

I'm honored to have them joining us today in the House Chamber, along with Mayor of Lebanon City Sherry Capello and Lebanon City Police Chief Bret Fisher.

The loss of Lt. Lebo was a terribly sad time in our community. He was deeply loved and touched so many lives throughout his career in Lebanon.

He was known as a mentor to younger officers, whom he loved training to be the best police officers they could be.

And as Chief Fisher has said, "Somebody that spent 40 years at the police department, they're still with ya. There isn't much you can touch or do that Lt. Lebo didn't have his hand in somewhere along his career."

To honor her husband's remarkable life, Lora Lebo established the Lt. William D. Lebo Memorial Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting the growth of Lebanon with positive intent, providing educational scholarships to Lebanon County first responders and their children, and providing comprehensive leadership development training to the law enforcement community.

While Lora and the community have already done such great work keeping Lt. Lebo's memory alive, it is my hope that the renaming of this post office in his honor will further serve as a lasting recognition of his life and legacy, during which he always put service above self.

I know that memorializing Lt. Lebo in this manner will be so meaningful to the Lebanon community. When I attended Lt. Lebo's funeral, it was overwhelmingly clear just how much he meant to Lebanon – the

procession was miles long and people lined the streets to pay their final respects.

Lt. Lebo was a dedicated public servant, who is remembered by his colleagues and those he served as a calm, kind, and ethical police officer who was deeply devoted to protecting the Lebanon community.

So I ask my colleagues to join me today in supporting H.R.3865, to rename the post office in Lebanon, PA for a very deserving hero, Lieutenant William D. Lebo.

I yield back.