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[H.R. 3274, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the "Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office"](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Monday, February 29, 2016, the House will consider [H.R. 3274](#), to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the "Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office," under suspension of the rules. H.R. 3274 was introduced on July 29, 2015 by Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA), and was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered the bill reported by unanimous consent on October 9, 2015.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3274 designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the "Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office."

BACKGROUND

Francis Manuel Ortega was born on February 27, 1980, in New York City. He attended Lawrence High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. At the time of his death, he was pursuing an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Griffin Technical College in Griffin, Georgia. On August 11, 2005, Officer Ortega was tragically killed in front of the Pine Lake Post Office in Pine Lake, Georgia, while conducting a routine traffic stop. Officer Ortega was a part-time officer at the Pine Lake Police Department and a full-time officer at Georgia Regional Hospital. His dedication to peace and a safer community compelled him to regularly work 80-hour weeks in service to his community and to make ends meet for his family.

According to the bill's sponsor, "Officer Ortega made the ultimate sacrifice and gave his life for the protection of his community. Officer Ortega's commitment to justice and willingness to face danger when others turned away, his desire to stand up for what was right – not what was easy, and his compassion for those in need should be applauded, commended and recognized in perpetuity."¹

¹ See [Rep. Johnson honors fallen Pine Lake officer with resolution renaming Post Office](#)

COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is currently unavailable.

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