

U.S. Sens. Baldwin and Johnson: Introduce legislation to rename Sun Prairie post office for Fire Captain Cory Barr

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson introduced bipartisan legislation in the Senate to designate the post office at 1715 Linnerud Drive in Sun Prairie as the “Fire Captain Cory Barr Post Office Building.” The legislation honors Fire Captain Cory James Barr, a first responder who was killed by an explosion while responding to the July 2018 natural gas leak in Sun Prairie. Captain Barr is credited with evacuating more than 100 people from the building. The entire Wisconsin Congressional Delegation, led by U.S. Representative Mark Pocan, introduced companion legislation in the House.

“Captain Cory Barr paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect Sun Prairie residents and save lives. His public service should be honored and his commitment to the safety of his neighbors and the community will always be remembered,” said Senator Baldwin. “Captain Barr is a hero and I’m proud to do right by him and his family by designating this Sun Prairie building in his name.”

“Capt. Cory Barr saved countless lives last July by acting decisively and courageously during a gas leak evacuation in Sun Prairie. In working to keep his neighbors and friends safe, he paid the ultimate price – a sacrifice his community will not forget. Renaming this Sun Prairie Post Office after Capt. Barr is a small but meaningful tribute to his sacrifice,” said Senator Johnson.

“The Sun Prairie community will forever be impacted by last summer’s tragic explosion, but because of Captain Barr’s heroic efforts, more than one hundred people were led to safety. We all owe Captain Barr our deepest respect for his exemplary service and the sacrifice he made for his community,” said Congressman Pocan. “I’m proud to introduce this resolution to dedicate the Sun Prairie Post Office as the Fire Captain Cory Barr Post Office and I’m grateful for my colleagues’ support. Though small, this gesture will ensure that we all remember the service of Captain Barr and honor him for years to come.”

“On the evening of July 10, 2018, Captain Cory Barr showed us what dedication to community means,” said Sun Prairie Mayor Paul Esser. “Naming our Post Office in his honor is just a small token of our immense gratitude. Cory was an inspiration to the entire community and through this action his memory will live on in our community.”