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Plaskett's Bill to Honor Virgin Islands Hero Passes House

A Tribute to Service: House approves bill naming St. Croix Post Office After Lt. Gen. Samuel E. Ebbesen in recognition of his distinguished military career

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Plaskett speaks in support of her bill to rename a St. Croix post office in honor of Lt. Gen. Samuel E. Ebbesen

In a significant legislative achievement, Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett successfully spearheaded the passage of a bill through the House to rename a St. Croix post office in honor of a local military legend.

The legislation, known as H.R. 5034, aims to designate the post office at 2119 Market Square in Christiansted as the “Lieutenant General Samuel E. Ebbesen Post Office.”

Lt. General Ebbesen, born and raised on St. Croix, is celebrated for his extensive service in the military, along with his contributions to business and community leadership. His military career is marked by high-profile commands including the First Brigade, 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and the 6th Infantry Division at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He also commanded the Second U.S. Army at Fort Gillam, Georgia.

Reflecting on the honor, Lt. General Ebbesen expressed his gratitude: “I continue to be humbled by the efforts of Representative Stacey Plaskett and her office to honor my service. Being present to bear witness to us being one step closer to the designation of the Market Square, Christiansted Post Office to my name is truly an honor.”

Ms. Plaskett highlighted the importance of recognizing Lt. General Ebbesen's exemplary life, stating, “The naming of the Market Square Post Office on St. Croix as the Lt. General Samuel E. Ebbesen Post Office will enshrine his legacy as well as serve as an example of the thousands of Virgin Islanders who answer the call to duty in our armed forces. The designation of this federal building to recognize Lt. General Ebbesen’s service is important.”

Following its passage in the House, the bill will advance to the Senate for consideration. If approved, it will proceed to President Biden's desk to be signed into law.