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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Schumer & Gillibrand:

I write to propose that the United States Post Office's Morrisania branch, located at 442 East 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10456, be renamed for a trailblazing former member of Congress, my dear friend Herman Badillo.

Though he certainly had a distinguished career in New York City government, which included serving as the eighth Bronx Borough President, Herman Badillo's federal service is truly worthy of special recognition. First elected to the United States Congress in 1970, Rep. Badillo served the South Bronx for four terms. During his time in the House of Representatives, he helped to found the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and was instrumental in ensuring that job training for unemployed, non-English speaking citizens was included in the "Comprehensive Manpower Act of 1973." Rep. Badillo was also an early fighter for bilingual education programs, and was a tireless advocate for his constituents.

The Morrisania branch of the United States Post Office is included on the National Register of Historic Places, and is the most significant federally-owned building in our borough. It would only be fitting to rename this structure in honor of a true pioneer like Herman Badillo.

Please feel free to contact me directly to discuss this important matter at greater length.

Sincerely,

Ruben Diaz Jr.

cc: Rep. Jose E. Serrano  
Rep. Joseph Crowley  
Rep. Charles B. Rangel  
Rep. Eliot Engel  
Speaker John Boehner  
USS Senator Mitch McConnell