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By Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ)
Belmar Post Office Renaming Ceremony
Friday, August 30, 2019

Thank you, Mayor Walsifer for your welcome and words.

Thank you, Postmaster John Mutchler, for serving as master of ceremonies today and to the post office for providing the opportunity to name a building pursuant to an act of Congress in honor of highly distinguished Americans.

Thank you, Mike Ruane, CEO of InfoAge, for preserving the remarkable history of the super-secret work of Camp Evans and the brilliant men and women who worked there—people who won wars and saved lives with superior technology and knowhow and people who made space travel possible.

Today we remember and honor an extraordinary Camp Evans scientist, educator and innovator—Dr. Walter S. McAfee—a few days before he would have turned 105.

We join his beloved family including his sister Velma and his daughters Diane and Marsha and other members of the family—some of whom will speak in a moment.

Today we honor a brilliant scientist for his breakthrough research and mathematical theories that led to bouncing radio signals off the moon's surface. His unique work served as the forerunner for satellite communications, entry into the space age, moonshots and moonwalks.

Today we honor Dr. McAfee for his many innovations and successful projects including sensors he pioneered to assist the military in keeping tabs on aggressive actors—tools that saved the lives of many Americans and our allies.

And we remember and honor him for his lifelong commitment to learning—including his service as Chairman of the Board at Brookdale Community College.

As an African-American, Dr. McAfee overcame adversity and prejudice with courage, tenacity and faith. His amazing life inspires. He challenges us to strive for excellence. He is truly a role model.