

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 5060

AN ACT

To redesignate the Federal building located at 212 Third Avenue South in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the “Paul D. Wellstone Federal Building”, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Paul D. Wellstone
3 Building Act of 2022”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) Paul David Wellstone was born on July 21,
7 1944, in Washington, DC, and raised in Arlington,
8 Virginia, as the second child of Ukrainian Jewish
9 immigrants Leon and Minnie Wellstone;

10 (2) Wellstone graduated from the University of
11 North Carolina at Chapel Hill—

12 (A) in 1965, with a bachelor’s degree in
13 political science; and

14 (B) in 1969, with a Ph.D. in political
15 science;

16 (3) after earning his Ph.D., Wellstone moved to
17 Minnesota to teach political science at Carleton Col-
18 lege in Northfield, Minnesota, during which he be-
19 came an advocate for marginalized communities and
20 fought for improved healthcare, education, housing,
21 and labor and human rights;

22 (4) as an activist, Wellstone helped to bring at-
23 tention to issues important to the people by pro-
24 testing in favor of peace, civil rights, and social jus-
25 tice, including by standing by farmers and working
26 families in their struggles;

1 (5) in 1990, Wellstone extended his community
2 activism during his first run for the Senate;

3 (6) as an underdog, Wellstone was the only can-
4 didate to unseat an incumbent Senator in the 1990
5 election;

6 (7) the grassroots campaign that was run by
7 Wellstone became well-known for the green bus that
8 he used to travel across Minnesota;

9 (8) Senator Wellstone continued his commit-
10 ment to activism throughout his time in the Senate,
11 including by pushing for legislation that—

12 (A) expanded support for mental health
13 care coverage;

14 (B) increased the Federal minimum wage;
15 and

16 (C) offered greater funding and protections
17 for workers, seniors, schools, and “atomic” vet-
18 erans;

19 (9) in 1997, Senator Wellstone traveled across
20 the country on “The Children’s Tour” to hear from
21 disadvantaged communities across the United
22 States;

23 (10) on October 25, 2002, at the age of 57,
24 Senator Wellstone was killed in a plane crash in

1 Minnesota along with his wife, daughter, and several
2 campaign staff; and

3 (11) the loss of Senator Wellstone was mourned
4 across the United States, but his legacy of advocacy
5 and candor will always be remembered.

6 **SEC. 3. PAUL D. WELLSTONE FEDERAL BUILDING.**

7 (a) REDESIGNATION.—The Federal building located
8 at 212 Third Avenue South in Minneapolis, Minnesota,
9 shall be known and designated as the “Paul D. Wellstone
10 Federal Building”.

11 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
12 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
13 States to the Federal building referred to in subsection
14 (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Paul D.
15 Wellstone Federal Building”.

Passed the Senate November 30 (legislative day, No-
vember 29), 2022.

Attest:

Secretary.

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