

Representative Michael Nelson

Chair

State Government and Finance and Elections Committee

585 State Office Building

St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Nelson,

We write in support of HF3394, a resolution seeking Congressional support to name the South St. Paul Post Office in honor of Officer Leo Pavlak. Officer Pavlak age 38, was killed in the line of duty in August of 1933, during a payroll robbery in South St. Paul. Having the post office named in his honor is a true and fitting memorial. In addition, it has great meaning for all law enforcement officers but particularly for those who are his descendants.

Leo has had a significant long-lasting effect on policing, especially in our family. His son Robert Leo Pavlak Sr. retired as a St. Paul Police Lieutenant and served as US Marshal for Minnesota.

Some of Leo's grandchildren and great grandchildren have become police officers and continued the tradition of service to the community.

Thank you for supporting the resolution to name the South St. Paul post office.

Sincerely, Leo's grandchildren,

Catherine Pavlak Garvey

Mary Pavlak

Susan Pavlak

Robert Pavlak Jr. (Ramsey County Sheriff ret.)

David Pavlak (St. Paul Police officer ret.)

Rurik Hover

cc Representative Rick Hansen