Atchison Post Office to be renamed

(KAIR)-A special ceremony is planned for Atchison, with the city's post office to officially be named in honor of Atchison's famous daughter, Amelia Earhart.

The legislation to make the change was introduced last November, with United States Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins bringing the proposal before the U.S. House while her fellow Republican, United States Senator Pat Roberts, did the same in the U.S. Senate.

On Tuesday, both Jenkins and Roberts will be present at the post office, located at 621 Kansas Avenue. They will be joined by Earhart's great-nephew, Bram Kleppner, as well as Atchison Mayor Allen Reavis and representatives of the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce.

The ceremony begins at 1:30.

When the legislation for the renaming was approved earlier this year, Jenkins, in a press release, said the "courageous actions" of Earhart inspired her, adding that the famed aviator also inspired many others "to dream big and accomplish lofty goals."

Roberts, in the release issued by Jenkins' office, called Earhart "one of the great pioneers of our nation, whose story began at home in Atchison." saying "she is an inspiration to all aviators and a role model to women around the world." The Kansas Republican adds that renaming the post office "is one more way to honor [Earhart's] incredible legacy."

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