

Senate Concurrent Resolution 201

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SUMMARY

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Digest: Honors the USPS for its 250th birthday. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.7).
Celebrates the 250th anniversary of the United States Postal Service.

1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 Whereas the United States Postal Service (USPS) marked the 250th anniversary of its founding
3 on July 26, 2025; and

4 Whereas Postmaster General David Steiner remarked, "In 1775, our Founding Fathers recog-
5 nized the importance of creating an institution that could bind the nation together and foster secure
6 and accessible communications between every community in America. The rich and enduring his-
7 tory of the Postal Service demonstrates the strength of their wisdom, and we look forward to pro-
8 viding reliable, affordable and universal service for generations to come."; and

9 Whereas USPS was founded in 1775, and it evolved as the Second Continental Congress estab-
10 lished post offices and postal roads and ultimately passed the Post Office Act of 1792; and

11 Whereas under the guidance of the first appointed Postmaster General, Benjamin Franklin,
12 USPS became a hallmark of the American principles of freedom of the press, right to privacy and
13 expanding our nation's infrastructure; and

14 Whereas USPS is a permanent fixture of the federal government, delivering mail to nearly 168
15 million addresses in the United States; and

16 Whereas covering every state, city and town, USPS serves as the largest physical and logistical
17 infrastructure of any nonmilitary government institution in the United States; and

18 Whereas on March 9, 1847, the first USPS-authorized post office west of the Rocky Mountains
19 was established in Astoria under Oregon's first postmaster, John M. Shively, and a second post of-
20 fice followed in Oregon City in 1848 under postmaster Egbert Bennett; and

21 Whereas those first post offices in Astoria and Oregon City served as crucial hubs for the de-
22 livery of mail across the country beginning in 1849; and

23 Whereas USPS is among the most diverse organizations in the nation, with 45 percent of its
24 roughly 640,000-strong workforce made up of women, 54 percent made up of historically underrep-
25 resented minorities, more than 70,000 employees who are veterans of the United States Armed
26 Forces and more than 42,000 employees with disabilities; and

27 Whereas approximately 8-1/2 percent of the USPS workforce, or roughly 5,500 employees, are
28 based in Oregon, including roughly 4,000 letter carriers; and

29 Whereas Oregonians take great pride in this state's deep history with, and enduring connections
30 to, the United States Postal Service; now, therefore,

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

2 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, honor the United States Postal
3 Service for its rich history of connecting people, communities and commerce; and be it further

4 Resolved, That we thank all letter carriers and USPS employees for their dedication,
5 professionalism and commitment to excellence; and be it further

6 Resolved, That we celebrate 250 years of collecting, sorting, processing, transporting and deliv-
7 ering our nation's mail.

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