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Senate Concurrent Resolution 201

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

Whereas Postmaster General David Steiner remarked, "In 1775, our Founding Fathers recognized the importance of creating an institution that could bind the nation together and foster secure and accessible communications between every community in America. The rich and enduring history of the Postal Service demonstrates the strength of their wisdom, and we look forward to providing reliable, affordable and universal service for generations to come."; and

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas those first post offices in Astoria and Oregon City served as crucial hubs for the delivery of mail across the country beginning in 1849; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That we celebrate 250 years of collecting, sorting, processing, transporting and delivering our nation's mail.

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Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

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Julie Fahey, Speaker of House