

United States Senate

To our Post Office Workers,

As you celebrate your 240th year anniversary, I wanted take a moment to recognize the valuable service you provide and express my sincere gratitude for the fine job you do daily to keep us connected. A lot has changed since July 26, 1775, when our Second Continental Congress established the U.S. Post Office Department and appointed, Benjamin Franklin to be the first Postmaster General.

Throughout our nation's history the Postal Service has stood as an important part of our communication structure, connecting us personally while providing a service vital for commerce.

Our public Postal Service has been a beckon of equality, providing every person in the United States a right to communicate regardless of geographic location, economic status, race, nationality, creed, religion, sex, gender identity, or age.

The Postal Reorganization Act as Amended, states, "The United States Postal Service shall be operated as a basic and fundamental service provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of Congress, and supported by the people. The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide postal services to bind the Nation together through the personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities."

Each day, Americans at 153 million addresses venture out to their mail box. They find a bill, an advertisement, a catalog or on a great day a card or letter from a loved one, but one thing is certain, they anticipate the arrival and are eager to see what that day's delivery includes. Our Postal Service is as vital today as ever, routing and delivering mail to millions of Americans each day whether to the largest Urban high rise or to the most rural homestead.

Our Postal Service employs more women, minorities and veterans than any other employer in our country who are more than just federal employees, they are a friendly face in our neighborhoods, and in most cases a watchful eye.

Across our country, in our cities and towns, Post Office buildings are prominent landmarks, many revered as architectural icons while others contain historic artwork. Many of these Post Offices serve as hubs that bind communities' together.

In honor of this great institution and the men and women who have served, I am proud to join you and Americans everywhere in recognize July 26, 2015 as Postal Heritage Day marking the observance, saluting our postal workers who are proud to serve the American people, day in and day out, through rain, shine, sleet or snow.

Sincerely,



Gary C. Peters
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