

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 691

Commending the United States Postal Service.

Agreed to by the Senate, October 27, 2025

WHEREAS, for 250 years, the United States Postal Service has provided an essential service to Virginians and all Americans by facilitating business and commerce and helping friends and family members stay connected through reliable mail service; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service traces its roots to July 26, 1775, when the Second Continental Congress established the postal service to facilitate secure communication between the Continental Army, Congress, and citizens during the American Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the power to establish post offices and post roads, demonstrating the importance of a postal service to national integrity; and

WHEREAS, the United States Post Office was organized as the United States Post Office Department in 1792, elevated to a cabinet-level department in 1872, then reestablished as an independent agency, the United States Postal Service, in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service embodies the American spirit of innovation, determination, longevity, and resilience, and postal workers hold a special role in American history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the creed of the iconic couriers of the United States Postal Service, who are delayed from their appointed rounds by “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night...” has become a touchstone of Americana; and

WHEREAS, in the past 250 years, the United States Postal Service has grown from 75 post offices in the original 13 colonies to more than 30,000 locations across the nation; the agency provides all people in all parts of the United States with universal and open access to its delivery network; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service remains a vital part of the critical infrastructure of the United States, delivering mail and packages six days a week to 168,600,000 delivery points; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the United States Postal Service hereby be commended on the occasion of its 250th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the postmaster general of the United States Postal Service as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the agency's unique role in everyday American life.

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