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April 16, 2009

Ms. Jean Picker Firstenberg, Chairperson
Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
United States Postal Service – Stamp Development
1735 N. Lynn Street, Suite 5013
Arlington, VA 22209-6432

Dear Ms. Firstenberg:

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at its meeting of April 14, 2009 to support the issuance of a Japanese American World War II commemorative postage stamp to honor the significant contributions of Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in our nation's military during World War II.

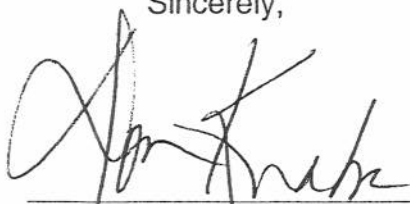
More than 20,000 Japanese Americans served in the United States Armed Forces during that war, despite the fact that approximately 110,000 Japanese Americans were removed from the West Coast and detained in internment camps. Thousands of them volunteered for military service from these camps. Many Japanese American soldiers served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which was one of the most highly decorated units for its size and length of service in our nation's history. This unit alone received more than 18,000 awards, including 21 Medals of Honor, 560 Silver Stars, 4,000 Bronze Stars, and 9,486 Purple Hearts. Many other Japanese Americans served in the Military Intelligence Service where they used their knowledge of Japanese language and culture to translate captured documents, monitor radio transmissions, and interrogate prisoners of war, producing invaluable intelligence, which shortened the war and saved countless lives.

We, therefore, urge your support for the proposal to issue a commemorative postage stamp to honor the contributions and sacrifices of Japanese American World War II soldiers.

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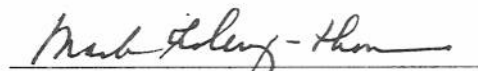
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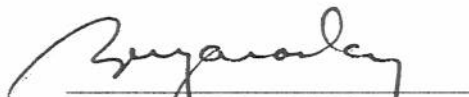
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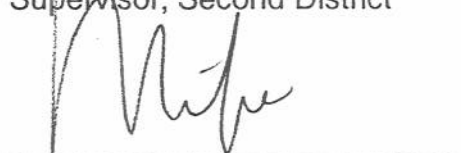
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Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20260

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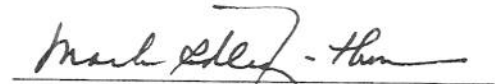
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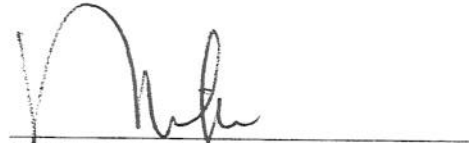
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