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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to fully fund the  
2 United States Postal Service.

3 WHEREAS, Article I, Section VIII of the Constitution of the  
4 United States grants the Congress of the United States the power  
5 to establish post offices and post roads; and

6 WHEREAS, Even before the enactment of the Constitution of the  
7 United States, the Founding Fathers of the United States  
8 understood the importance of delivering mail and appointed  
9 Benjamin Franklin the first postmaster general in 1775; and

10 WHEREAS, On February 20, 1792, President George Washington  
11 signed the Postal Service Act to establish the United States  
12 Post Office as a cabinet department led by the postmaster  
13 general; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service was established  
15 under 39 U.S.C. § 101(a), which states, "The United States  
16 Postal Service shall be operated as a basic and fundamental

1 service provided to the people by the Government of the United  
2 States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of  
3 Congress, and supported by the people"; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2019, the United States Postal Service employed  
5 more than 630,000 Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service employs more than  
7 97,000 military veterans, making it one of the largest employers  
8 of veterans in the country; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service processes and  
10 delivers 48% of the world's mail; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2019 alone, the total mail volume was 142.6  
12 billion and the total package volume was 6.2 billion; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 200 Federal laws protect the United States  
14 mail system, making the use of the United States Postal Service  
15 safe and secure; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service recorded \$12.7  
17 billion in retail revenue and \$301 million in online sales in  
18 2019; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service receives zero tax  
20 dollars for operating expenses, instead, relying on the sale of  
21 postage, products and services to fund its mission; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service is a lifeline for  
23 millions of Americans, delivering Social Security checks,  
24 prescription medicines and groceries, as well as letters, legal  
25 documents and ballots; and

26 WHEREAS, In a recent survey, the Pew Research Center found  
27 that 91% of respondents had a favorable view of the United  
28 States Postal Service; and

29 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service is an essential  
30 service to the American people and not a for-profit business;

1 therefore be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Congress  
3 of the United States to fully fund the United States Postal  
4 Service so it can continue to provide essential services to  
5 millions of Americans; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
7 each member of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation.