

1 [Urging the Issuance of United States Postage Stamps for LGBTQ Heroes]

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3 **Resolution urging the United States Postal Service's Citizens' Stamp Advisory**  
4 **Committee to issue stamps in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer**  
5 **(LGBTQ) heroes José Julio Sarria, Marsha P. Johnson, and Sylvia Rivera.**

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7 WHEREAS, José Julio Sarria was a champion for LGBTQ rights and visibility in San  
8 Francisco, vocally criticizing the criminalization of queer people and queer meeting places,  
9 becoming the first known openly gay candidate for elected office anywhere in the world by  
10 running for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and paving the way for the formation of  
11 the Imperial Court System of San Francisco in 1965; and

12 WHEREAS, Marsha P. Johnson was an activist, self-identified drag queen and  
13 performer who was a prominent figure in the Stonewall uprising of 1969, a founding member  
14 of the Gay Liberation Front, co-founder of the radical activist group Street Transvestite Action  
15 Revolutionaries (S.T.A.R) and an AIDS activist with ACT UP; and

16 WHEREAS, Sylvia Rivera was a gay liberation and transgender rights activist who co-  
17 founded the radical activist group Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (S.T.A.R), was  
18 an active member of the Metropolitan Community Church of New York's food pantry ministry  
19 and a lifelong advocate for marginalized members of the LGBTQ community; and

20 WHEREAS, Former San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk became the first and, to-  
21 date, only openly LGBTQ person to be depicted on a United States Postal Service stamp  
22 when the Harvey Milk Forever Stamp was issued on May 22, 2014; and

23 WHEREAS, The National LGBTQ Task Force and the International Imperial Court  
24 System launched a campaign earlier this year urging the National U.S. Postage Stamp

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1 Committee to issue stamps in honor of José Julio Sarria, Marsha P. Johnson, and Sylvia  
2 Rivera; and

3 WHEREAS, Co-chairs of the campaign to issue stamps in honor of José Julio Sarria,  
4 Marsha P. Johnson, and Sylvia Rivera include Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence leader Sister  
5 Roma, California State Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, civil rights advocate Stuart  
6 Milk, and Matthew Shepard Foundation founders Judy and Dennis Shepard; and

7 WHEREAS, Given José Julio Sarria, Marsha P. Johnson, and Sylvia Rivera’s historic  
8 contributions to the LGBTQ rights movement and the continuing need to increase the visibility  
9 of LGBTQ people of color in the United States, their appearance on United States Postal  
10 Service stamps would send a strong message of LGBTQ inclusion; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares its support  
12 for the issuance of stamps in honor of José Julio Sarria, Marsha P. Johnson, and Sylvia  
13 Rivera and urges the United States Postal Service's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee and  
14 the United States Postmaster General to issue such stamps; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon final adoption of this Resolution, the Clerk of the  
16 Board of Supervisors is directed to transmit a copy to the United States Postal Service's  
17 Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee and the United States Postmaster General.

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