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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon final adoption of this Resolution, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to transmit a copy to the United States Postal Service’s Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee and the United States Postmaster General.
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October 27, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 201197

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/27/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.