

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 134

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SYNOPSIS

Urges United States Congress to take all appropriate measures to ensure United States Postal Service remain an independent agency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the United States Congress to
2 take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States
3 Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the
4 United States federal government.

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6 **WHEREAS**, The United States Congress has the authority to establish
7 post offices and post roads under clause 7 of section 8 of article I of
8 the Constitution of the United States; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The United States Postal Service is a self-sustaining,
10 independent agency that relies on revenue derived from the sale of
11 postal services and products, not on taxpayer funds; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The United States Postal Service and the more than
13 500,000 employees of the United States Postal Service are at the
14 center of the \$1.4 trillion mailing industry, which employs a total of
15 7.5 million individuals in the United States; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The United States Postal Service serves the needs of 157
17 million business and residential customers not less than six days a
18 week, maintains an affordable and universal network, and connects
19 the rural, suburban, and urban communities of the United States;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, The United States Postal Service is consistently one of the
22 highest rated agencies of the federal government in non-partisan
23 opinion polls; and

24 **WHEREAS**, The United States Postal Service is the second largest
25 employer of veterans in the United States; and

26 **WHEREAS**, The employees of the United States Postal Service are
27 dedicated public servants who do more than process and deliver the
28 mail of the people of the United States by often serving as the eyes
29 and ears of communities and responding first in situations involving
30 issues of health, safety, and crime in those communities; and

31 **WHEREAS**, The privatization of the United States Postal Service would
32 result in higher prices and reduced services for the customers of the
33 United States Postal Service, especially in rural communities,
34 jeopardize the booming e-commerce sector, and cripple a major
35 part of the critical infrastructure of the United States; now,
36 therefore,

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38 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
39 *Jersey:*

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41 1. This House respectfully urges the United States Congress to
42 take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal
43 Service remains an independent establishment of the United States
44 federal government and is not subject to privatization in whole or in
45 part.

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47 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
48 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the

1 Speaker and the Minority leader of the United States House of
2 Representatives, the Majority and Minority leader of the United
3 States Senate, and each member of the United States Congress
4 elected from the State of New Jersey.

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7 STATEMENT

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9 This resolution respectfully urges the United States Congress to
10 take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal
11 Service remains an independent establishment of the United States
12 federal government and is not subject to privatization in whole or in
13 part.

14 The privatization of the United States Postal Service would do
15 the following:

- 16 • result in higher prices and reduced services for the customers
17 of the United States Postal Service, especially in rural
18 communities;
- 19 • jeopardize the booming e-commerce sector; and
- 20 • cripple a major part of the critical infrastructure of the United
21 States.

22 The United States Postal Service serves the needs of 157 million
23 business and residential customers not less than six days a week,
24 maintains an affordable and universal network, and connects the
25 rural, suburban, and urban communities of the United States.
26 Additionally, the employees of the United States Postal Service are
27 dedicated public servants who often serve as the eyes and ears of
28 communities and respond first in situations involving issues of
29 health, safety, and crime in those communities. The United States
30 Postal Service is also the second largest employer of veterans in the
31 United States.

32 Privatization, in whole or in part, of the United States Postal
33 Service would negatively impact federal postal employees and the
34 people they serve. The State of New Jersey opposes any effort to
35 privatize the federal postal service and respectfully urges the United
36 States Congress to prevent any attempts at such action.