

113TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 466

Supporting a moratorium on the sale of historic post office buildings.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2014

Ms. LEE of California (for herself and Mr. SERRANO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting a moratorium on the sale of historic post office buildings.

Whereas the United States Postal Service is an American institution dating back to the colonial era;

Whereas the United States Postal Service is the core of a \$1 trillion mailing industry that employs more than 8 million people;

Whereas in 2012, the Postal Service—

- (1) processed 160 billion pieces of mail;
- (2) handled 40 percent of the world's mail volume;
- (3) paid \$3.6 billion every month in salaries and benefits;
- (4) employed 108,000 veterans; and
- (5) managed 31,272 retail offices;

Whereas the United States Postal Service employs a Federal preservation officer and a historian;

Whereas the United States Postal Service has a diverse fine arts collection consisting of works of art from many different sources and programs;

Whereas the United States Postal Service houses more than 1,400 murals and sculptures from President Roosevelt's New Deal programs in its post offices around the Nation;

Whereas most of the post office works of art were funded through commissions under the Treasury Department's Section of Painting and Sculpture and Section of Fine Arts; and

Whereas as of December 2012, 998 postal buildings are listed on the National Historic Register. Now, therefore, be it:

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the importance of preserving the
3 United States Postal Service's long history and pro-
4 tecting the Nation's historic properties; and

5 (2) opposes the sale of historic post office build-
6 ings and urges the Postal Service to halt current
7 sales of recognized historic places and remove all
8 such properties from the sales list.

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