

Postal Service should issue a stamp honoring the holiday "Diwali", also known as the Festival of Lights.

The Citizens Stamp Advisory Commission under the U.S. Postal Service currently issues many stamps with holiday themes, including Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and most recently, Eid. The Commission has not issued a stamp honoring Diwali, and I am hopeful that we will soon have a U.S. postal stamp commemorating this beautiful festival celebrated in India and throughout the world.

Diwali is one of the most important and colorful of the Indian festivals and is celebrated enthusiastically by Indians all over the world. It marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year and is seen as a brand new beginning for all.

Traditionally Diwali is celebrated for five days, each day having its own significance, rituals and myths. Light, in the form of candles and lamps, is a crucial part of Diwali, representing the triumph of light over darkness, goodness over evil and hope for the future.

During Diwali people light small oil lamps and place them around the home to pray for health, wealth, knowledge, peace and fame. Fireworks are an exciting part of Diwali and the celebration of the festival is also customarily accompanied by exchanging sweets.

The rich culture associated with the Diwali tradition includes observation of this holiday by Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Muslims and Buddhists. Diwali is a time for communal gatherings and spiritual enlightenment. People from across the world make an effort to visit their family, friends and neighbors on this wonderful holiday.

The spirit of Diwali has survived political, economic and social vicissitudes throughout history, while always carrying the universal symbolism of the triumph of light, goodness, knowledge and truth. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, Diwali is an exceptionally rich and culturally significant holiday that expresses hope and for these reasons, this holiday should be commemorated as a United States postal stamp.

Mr. Speaker, I feel that Diwali is truly a marvelous holiday that deserves recognition. As the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee continues it plans for issuing new stamps, I hope that it will consider issuing a Diwali stamp to honor this culturally significant holiday celebrated in the United States and abroad.

COMMEMORATIVE JOINT MEETING
OF CONGRESS, FEDERAL HALL,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, today we gather here in Federal Hall to honor and recognized the courage and determination of the survivors of the horrible terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. It is fitting that we do so.

It was here in Federal Hall that the new Congress of the United States first met in 1789 to govern our new Nation. It was here in New York that our founding fathers passed the laws that are the foundation for our democratic political system. From this solid foundation, our Nation has grown and prospered. Our people have excelled in science, in the hu-

manities, in art and culture. We have grown to be a great Nation, home to a great people, with tremendous hopes and incredible dreams for the future. And it all began right here in Federal Hall.

One year ago, terrorists attacked America. Their targets were not simply the buildings they destroyed and the people they murdered. They were attacking the very ideals that define what it means to be an American. They wanted to drive us apart and make us afraid.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that they failed.

Faced with tragedy and destruction, the people of the United States, and particularly the people of New York, came together as one community. We gathered the emotional resources to survive and heal, and we pulled together the financial resources to rebuild. This has not been easy. It takes incredible courage to move forward after a tragedy like 9-11. But we did find that courage within ourselves.

That is why it is so fitting that we are here in New York today. One year after September 11, we are rededicating our Nation. The terrorists have not won. They have lost. Our Nation is stronger and more united. Our freedom, our courage, our determination, our unity, our diversity, our charity and our democracy are our strengths. New York has exhibited all of these strengths in abundance in the last year. And they are everywhere in America.

WELCOMING HER MAJESTY QUEEN
SIRIKIT OF THAILAND TO THE
UNITED STATES

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand on her visit to the United States from October 4 to 16, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, as many of my colleagues in the House are undoubtedly aware, Thailand and the United States have been friends for almost two centuries. Our formal relations extend back 169 years to the signing of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between our two nations on March 20, 1833, during the Presidency of Andrew Jackson, the seventh United States President, and the reign of His Majesty King Phra Nang Klao, or King Rama III, of the Chakri Dynasty. This Treaty was the first such treaty that the United States had concluded with any Asian country and it contains a pledge to establish "a perpetual peace" between our two countries. I believe that this pledge has been honored during the long and happy relationship between Thailand and the United States as we have so often fought side by side and have made countless sacrifices for one another in defense of our common values. I'd also like to remind my colleagues that His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej Maharaj, Thailand's present King, was born some 75 years ago in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where His father, His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol, was studying at the Harvard Medical School.

In addition to highlighting the strong ties between the United States and Thailand, the Queen's visit to the United States will allow

also us to become more aware of the many charitable organizations which She has founded and has worked so hard to make successful. One of the more important of these is the Foundation for the Promotion of Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques, or SUPPORT. SUPPORT was founded in 1976 under Her Majesty's royal patronage and chairmanship and provides outlets for local wares and handicrafts from all regions of the Kingdom. The promotion and sales of these items provide extra income-generating occupations for farmers who find it difficult to subsist on farm incomes alone. By supporting these cottage and indigenous industries, the Foundation also help keep alive dying arts, such as traditional clay "chao wang" dolls and tie-dye "mud-mee" silk. Many of my colleagues and I are looking forward to seeing the display of products and activities of the SUPPORT Foundation at the gala dinner which will be presided over by Her Majesty at the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress on October 9.

One of the highlights of the Queen's visit will be to preside over the premier of the Thai film *The Legend of Suriyothai* at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts here in Washington. This critically acclaimed film by one of Thailand's most experienced filmmakers, Prince Chatrichalem Yukol, is an epic historical motion picture that portrays one of Thailand's foremost heroines, Queen Phra Suriyothai. She fought and died to protect Her husband and king's life and Her actions united Her people to win a war against an invading army in the 14th century.

During Her visit to the United States, Queen Sirikit will also travel to Houston, Texas, where She will be presented with The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Award for Humanitarian Service. This award will recognize Her Majesty's lifelong dedication to improving the health and well being of the people of Thailand and for international leadership in health and the environment. Former President and Mrs. George Bush will also host tea for Her Majesty during Her stay in Houston.

Mr. Speaker, given the importance of our relationship with Thailand and in recognition all Queen Sirikit has done to improve the lives of Her subjects and people throughout the world, I rise today to welcome Her Majesty to the United States and to urge my colleagues in joining me in honoring one of the world's most respected humanitarians.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL G.
ANZILOTTI FOR HIS YEARS OF
DEDICATION TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Michael G. Anzilotti for receiving the 2002 Gala & Community Leadership Award.

Mr. Anzilotti deserves praise for his long-time commitment, and the ongoing involvement of his firm, to community service. He graduated in 1971 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in marketing. In addition he has received a Masters's Degree in Business

Administration from George Mason University and is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

In 1971, Mr. Anzilotti joined First Virginia Bank as a management trainee in the accounting department. In recognition of his superior work, he was promoted to Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 1982. The following year, he was promoted as President of Northern Operations Center, Inc. Then, in 1986, he was promoted to the post of Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. Finally, in 1995, he was promoted to his current position, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Anzilotti is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of George Mason University Foundations, Inc. He is a member of the Boards of the Fairfax County School Superintendent's Business/Industry Advisory Council (BIAC), The Virginia Business Higher Educational Council, the Northern Virginia Business Roundtable, the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, and is chairman of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He is also Past Chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation, Inc., and Past Chairman of the Arts Council of Fairfax County. All of these impressive accomplishments and titles, however, pale in comparison to his work to improve our schools, better our communities, and enhance the quality of life for all Virginians.

Mr. Anzilotti resides in Chantilly, Virginia with his wonderful wife, Jane Anzilotti. Together, they have raised two children, who are now fully grown.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I wish the very best to Mr. Anzilotti as he is recognized for his years of service to the First Virginia Bank. He certainly has earned this recognition, and I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in applauding his remarkable service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO OLIVER W. WADDELL

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Oliver W. Waddell, a distinguished constituent, dear friend and an accomplished business leader who will receive the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Silver Hope Award at the 2002 Dinner of Champions on October 3, 2002. The Silver Hope Award is the highest honor given by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Ollie is being honored for his dedication to ending the devastating effects of Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Ollie is from Falmouth, Kentucky, and is perhaps best known from his long and very successful career with Star Bank (formerly the First National Bank of Cincinnati), which he joined in 1957 as a management trainee. In 1980, he was appointed president and director, and, in 1982, chief executive officer of Star Bank, N.A. Shortly thereafter, Ollie was made a director of Star Banc Corporation, the parent company of Star Bank, N.A. By August, 1990, Ollie was chairman, president and chief executive officer of Star Banc Corporation. Under his direction, Star Banc Corporation

doubled in size, becoming a multi-state bank holding company with offices located in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Ollie was chairman, president and chief executive officer of Star Banc Corporation until May, 1993, when he stepped down as president and chief executive officer. Ollie cares deeply about his wife, Virgilee, and wanted to spend more time with her. Years before this decision, Virgilee was diagnosed with MS. Although the Waddells' battle against MS has been a very personal and private one, they recently made the decision to help others in that fight by creating the Waddell Center for Multiple Sclerosis through the University of Cincinnati. The Center will have an important role in helping to end the devastating effects of MS.

Over the years, Ollie has been very active in our community. He has served on the board of directors for several organizations which include: Star Banc Corporation; Star Bank, N.A.; Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company; Myers Y. Cooper Company; Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport; and Ohio National Life Insurance Company. He also has been active in the community as a member of the Commercial Club, Commonwealth Club, Optimists Club, Queen City Club and Rotary Club.

Ollie is very dedicated to his family. Ollie and Virgilee have been married for 47 years. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, all of us in Southwestern Ohio thank Ollie for his commitment to fighting MS, and we congratulate him on receiving the prestigious Silver Hope Award. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing Ollie and Virgilee the very best as they continue to fight their own battle against this difficult disease.

HONORING JANETT MARTIN

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Janett Martin, a very strong leader in the City of Tampa who devoted her life to her church and community.

Janett was a pioneer in the advancement of diversity and fairness in the workplace and will be greatly missed by family, friends, and admirers. She led the way by becoming Tampa's first African-American city clerk, as well as president of the American Society of Public Administrators. Many in the Tampa Bay area were drawn to her intelligence, hard work, and perseverance.

Janett took on as many responsibilities as possible, showing all heart and boundless determination. Even after she became ill, she still served a term as president of Tampa's League of Women Voters. Janett continued to make a difference in the African-American community by recently heading the Lincoln-Douglas Ball.

Without a doubt, Janett Martin left a unique mark throughout the entire Tampa Bay community. I would like to express my upmost admiration for the person Janett was and my condolences to the Martin family. She will be well-remembered for her integrity, strength, and commitment to her ideals.

ALOPECIA AREATA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize that September is Alopecia Areata Awareness Month, and to commend the efforts of the National Alopecia Areata Foundation in San Rafael, CA, which is part of the district that I am privileged to represent. For over twenty years this organization has dedicated itself to researching this horrible disease and providing support for those with this condition.

Very few people may know about this disease, or have even heard of it, but alopecia areata is a serious condition that can affect the entire population, although it most commonly affects children. Alopecia areata is the partial to complete loss of hair over the entire body. Without eyelashes, eyebrows, and hair on the scalp, those affected are left unprotected from the weather and other environmental conditions. While not medically disabling or life threatening, this disease causes much emotional pain. Suffers of this disease may have difficulty adjusting to the changes to their body and the differences between themselves and others around them. Children may encounter frustrating situations at school with other children who do not understand this disease.

Alopecia areata is an autoimmune disease, with no known cause and no known cure. Greater awareness and an increased investment in alopecia areata research are critical components in our quest for a cure. That is why the National Alopecia Areata Foundation plays an important role in the lives of those who suffer from this disease. This foundation provides funding for research, as well as support services and resources for the sufferers. I am so proud to represent this foundation in my district and offer them my continued support.

Mr. Speaker, especially during the month of September, as well as throughout the year, we must continue to raise awareness for alopecia areata and work to find a cure for this devastating disease.

ABORTION NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, let me begin by clarifying a point of debate.

Nothing in existing law requires hospitals, clinics, or any health care provider to perform an abortion against their religious or moral beliefs.

This is true at the Federal level, and this is true in California, where additional legislation protects individual doctors and nurses from retaliation if they do not wish to participate in an abortion.

The pending legislation claims to solve a problem that does not exist, and it does so by