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The Honorable Megan Brennan
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza Southwest
Washington, DC 20260-0004

Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

I am writing to express my support for the United States Postal Service (USPS) to issue a stamp honoring the patriotism and inspiring story of the Japanese Americans who served our nation during World War II.

During World War II, nearly 33,000 Nisei – Japanese American World War II soldiers – served with honor as members of the United States Armed Forces. Despite facing prejudice and internment camps at home, they still served with great pride and valor displaying their American patriotism. These brave Americans were the recipients of over 9,000 Purple Hearts, 4,000 Bronze Stars, 560 Silver Stars, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, eight Presidential Unit Citations, and 21 Medals of Honor. Over 800 gave their lives in defense of our nation and the all Japanese American 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011. Japanese American contributions to the war effort are credited with shortening the war in the Pacific by at least two years.

For these great sacrifices and contributions to our nation, I commend the USPS for considering a stamp proposal featuring the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, located here in Washington, D.C. This gesture would be appropriate to recognize and honor these American heroes and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Calvert".

KEN CALVERT
Member of Congress