

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.13

Senator Hertel offered the following concurrent resolution:

1       A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the  
2 United States to oppose recommendations to privatize and slow the  
3 service of the United States Postal Service.

4       Whereas, The United States Postal Service (USPS) is a core  
5 governmental function recognized by our founding fathers in the  
6 U.S. Constitution. Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the U.S.  
7 Constitution grants Congress the power to establish post offices  
8 and post roads; and

9       Whereas, The USPS provides high-quality universal service  
10 without taxpayer funding. The USPS receives no tax dollars and  
11 funds its operations through the sale of postage products and  
12 services. Even without taxpayer funding, the USPS provides  
13 excellent service and consistently receives the highest approval  
14 ratings of federal departments and agencies; and

1       Whereas, The USPS is a source of decent and dignified jobs in  
2 the United States. The agency employs workers of all nationalities  
3 from diverse backgrounds of all kinds. The USPS has more than  
4 500,000 employees at the center of the \$1.4 trillion mailing  
5 industry that employs 7.5 million Americans. It is also the  
6 nation's second-largest employer of military veterans; and

7       Whereas, Proposals to privatize the USPS would limit service  
8 and increase prices for Michigan's 32 rural counties. A privatized  
9 postal service will be driven by profit and would lead to increased  
10 rates and lost service for rural areas where delivery is more  
11 expensive. This will enrich a few private companies at the expense  
12 of rural communities in Michigan and across the country; and

13       Whereas, The current U.S. Postmaster General has proposed  
14 numerous changes, including changing service standards that will  
15 lead to slower delivery, plant consolidations, and reduced  
16 operating hours at post offices. These changes would negatively  
17 impact the agency, postal workers, and the American public; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19       Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives  
20 concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States  
21 to oppose recommendations to privatize the United States Postal  
22 Service; and be it further

23       Resolved, That we memorialize the Congress of the United  
24 States to restore service standards to 2012 levels to improve  
25 delivery of America's mail; and be it further

26       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
27 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States  
28 House of Representatives, the President of the United States  
29 Senate, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.