



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

June 27, 2012

The Honorable Patrick Donahoe
Postmaster General, US Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Room 10802
Washington DC 20260-0010

Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

On behalf of the Texas Delegation, we are writing to request the issuance of a commemorative stamp to honor the 100th Birthday of former First Lady Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson (December 22, 1912 – July 11, 2007). Mrs. Johnson was a lifelong advocate for conservation, the environment, and beautifying the nation's cities and highways. One of the first to fully utilize the office of the First Lady, she was a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest US civilian honors.

Mrs. Johnson was an inspiration. As First Lady, she founded the *Society for a More Beautiful National Capital*, a capital beautification project to improve the landscape in Washington, D.C. by planting millions of flowers. Her beliefs regarding the importance of national beautification can best be summarized in her statement that, "where flowers bloom, so does hope." Mrs. Johnson worked with American Association of Nurserymen (AAN) to protect wildflowers and to plant them along highways. Her efforts inspired similar programs throughout the country. The Highway Beautification Act was informally known as "Lady Bird's Bill."

Mrs. Johnson created the modern First Lady's office. She was the first to have a press secretary and chief of staff of her own and an outside liaison with Congress. Mrs. Johnson's tenure as First Lady marked the beginning of the hiring of employees in the East Wing to work specifically for the First Lady's projects.

In addition to many awards and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, she was honored by the naming of the Lady Bird Johnson Park on Columbia Island in Washington, DC. Upon Mrs. Johnson's death, the Austin City Council passed a resolution in her honor renaming Town Lake to Lady Bird Lake.

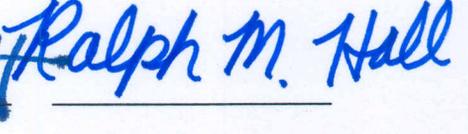
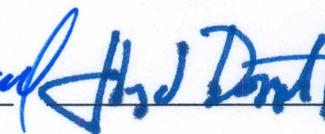
We feel a commemorative stamp to honor Lady Bird Johnson would be an appropriate tribute on her 100th birthday. Thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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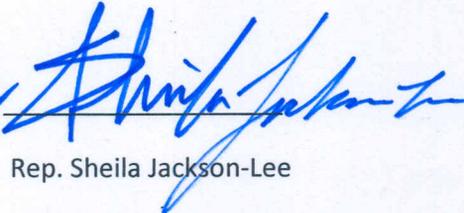
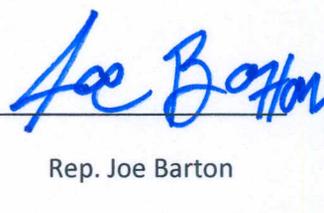


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