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To Whom It May Concern:


I write to ask that you consider creating a Commemorative U.S. Postage Stamp honoring Harvey Milk. Mr. Milk was elected as the first openly gay man in our nation's history. He served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors until his tragic assassination in 1978. A proud champion of civil rights, his image remains a symbol of advocacy and activism to many.

A Navy Veteran, Mr. Milk was strongly devoted to public service. His public service was recently honored when President Obama posthumously awarded him the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is America's highest civilian honor and is awarded to individuals who have made "an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors."

Mr. Milk's devotion to human rights and his convictions of courage remain an inspiration to many. Despite his unfortunate death more than 30 years ago, his mark in history remains and is worthy of consideration for a commemorative stamp.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT MENENDEZ  
United States Senator