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Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee
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Dear Postmaster Donahoe and Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee members,

As Members of the House of Representatives, we urge you to examine the noteworthy life of Danny Thomas, founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (St. Jude). Danny Thomas' great accomplishments and altruism make him an American hero worthy of the honor a commemorative stamp imparts.

Danny Thomas' life perfectly illustrates how the American dream is within reach for anyone, even an immigrant of humble upbringing. After years of struggling on the grueling nightclub circuit as an entertainer and comedian, Danny began his meteoric rise on the hit television series "Make Room for Daddy." He then achieved success as an actor and producer of iconic programs like "The Andy Griffith Show" and "The Dick Van Dyke Show."

Beyond the entertainment world, Danny Thomas' legacy has improved health care for children around the world. Founded in 1962, St. Jude ensures that no child is ever denied treatment because of a family's inability to pay. This policy is what attracts more than 1 million volunteers and countless donors to St. Jude's mission. The success and importance of Danny Thomas' hospital are showcased best by the lives that have been saved. The survival rate from the most common form of childhood cancer has jumped from 4% to 94% as a result of St. Jude's extraordinary research. Danny Thomas worked ceaselessly on fundraising initiatives to guarantee that St. Jude's children would always have the most cutting edge treatments possible.

Since the CSAC seeks to commemorate persons who have overcome great challenges, we would greatly appreciate your consideration of Danny Thomas for a commemorative stamp in 2012. His commitment to a cause higher than himself, indisputable success in saving children's lives, and passion to follow the American dream earns him the high honor of the United States Postal Service's recognition. Danny Thomas is still a part of every child's experience at St. Jude even 50 years after its founding. Children rub the nose of Danny's statue for good luck prior to every treatment, sure proof that he will always be a source of hope and inspiration.

Thank you for reviewing our request to honor St. Jude's founder Danny Thomas and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



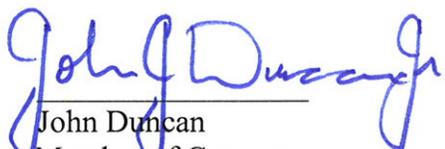
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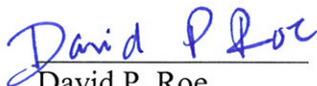
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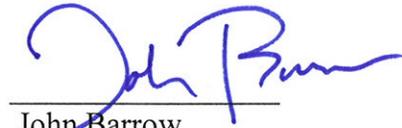
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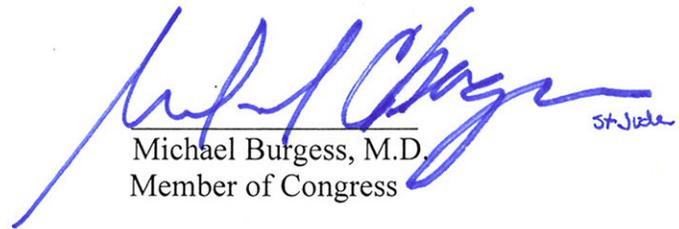

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