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Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee  
c/o Stamp Development  
U.S. Postal Service  
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Washington, DC 20260-3501

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am writing to propose a series of stamps commemorating the big rig trucking industry. I know of no other industry that has touched so much of America over the past 100 years yet remains in the shadows of the USPS. I could find only two stamps ever produced that featured a big rig - back in 1951 a 3 cents stamp (1025) and on 5/25/91 a transportation coil with a tractor trailer (2457 & 2458)

The road to America's future was on the flat beds and chassis of the trucking industry. Since the early 1900's, they have evolved to haul everything from food produced on American farms to market, to the equipment used to defend our country during war, to the cars built by Detroit, to the oil used to fuel America, to construction materials used to build America, to windmills being used to make America "green" - even the U.S. Mail needs a fleet of 18-wheelers to deliver its mail every day.

The vehicles and trailers themselves are a picture of progress. From a Ford Model T in the early 1900's -to the Kenworth's our great grandfather sold in the 1930's -to the big rig's of today that pay for our interstate highway system through the Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax - they have evolved to meet the needs of the day. They go where trains and planes and ships can't get to and deliver their goods in rain and shine.

The industries they serve are a picture of what makes America great. From our farms that feed the world - to our factories that manufacture cars and clothing and electronics - to our oil fields and refineries that power us through every day - so many industries would not have taken off so successfully if the trucking industry had not stepped up to meet their need to move their products to consumers around the world.

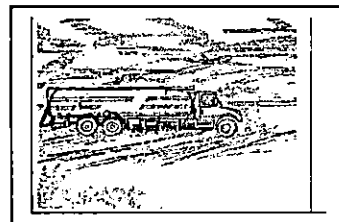
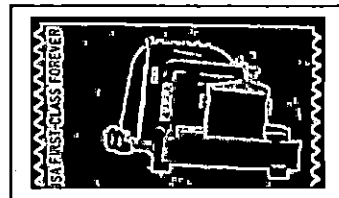
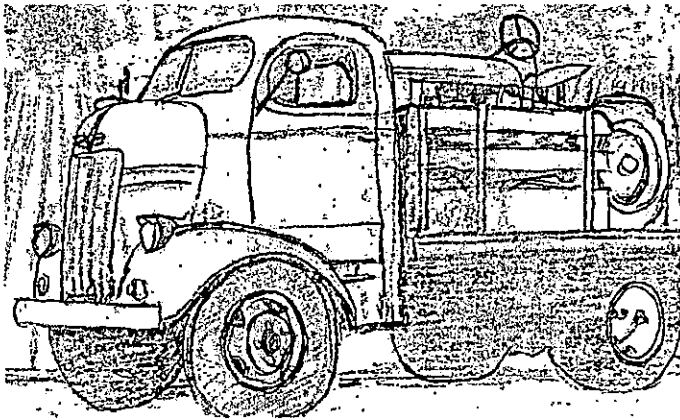
And last but not least are the men and women who drive the trucks. They are a melting pot of races, hard workers and entrepreneurs who live on the roads so the rest of us can go to the local stores and find anything and everything we need to be comfortable and enjoy each day. They sacrifice time near hearth and home to do their job and most of us take them for granted. The USPS honors writers, scientists, entertainers, presidents and cartoon characters - but not the ordinary, hard working American who grease our wheels and keep us in operation.

This is an idea whose time is long overdue!

This is a proposal that evolved because an artist painted me a picture (first class forever) which brought together my family history. If the USPS considers ideas for stamps that educate and commentate what makes America great - this idea deserves a entire series all by itself. I sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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