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David Goodman
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Dear Mr. Goodman:

David
It was a pleasure meeting you and Sylvia in Albany on June 15, 2011. Enclosed is the Senate Resolution that I sponsored in the New York State Senate, recognizing that the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee is contemplating a recommendation to issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring Civil Rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner, and the "Freedom Summer" of 1964.

It is my sincere hope that the United State Postal Service issues a commemorative stamp in the near future based on the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) poster from 1964 created by prominent Civil Rights movement photographer, Danny Lyon. This stamp will honor these three men and their heroic impact they had on the Civil Rights Movement in the United States of America.

This Resolution recognizes their sacrifice and impact on the Civil Rights Movement and it is only fitting that a United States postage stamp be issued in their honor.

Sincerely,

Andrew Lanza

ANDREW J. LANZA
Senator, 24th District

State of New York Legislative Resolution



Senate No. 2402

Assembly No. 649

BY: Senators Lanza, Adams, Breslin, Carlucci, DeFrancisco, Espaillat, Fuschillo, Griffo, Hassell-Thompson, Huntley, Johnson, Larkin, LaValle, Marcellino, Montgomery, Perkins, Ranzenhofer, Rivera, Sampson, Smith, Stavisky and Stewart-Cousins

BY: M. of A. Jeffries, Aubry, Barron, Brennan, Camara, Canestrari, DenDekker, Dinowitz, Englebright, Gantt, Glick, Gunther, Heastie, Hoyt, Jacobs, Jaffee, Lentol, Linares, V. Lopez, McEneny, Nolan, Paulin, Peoples-Stokes, Perry, Pretlow, N. Rivera, P. Rivera, Roberts, Rosenthal, Simotas, Titus, Weisenberg and Wright

RECOGNIZING that the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee is contemplating a recommendation to issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner, and the "Freedom Summer" of 1964

WHEREAS, Freedom Summer was a campaign in Mississippi to register African-American voters during the summer of 1964; during that year, most Black voters were disenfranchised by law or practice in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, This voting rights initiative was led by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), with the support of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), which included the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); and

WHEREAS, Thousands of students and activists participated in two-week orientation sessions in preparation for the voter registration drive in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, at 6.7 percent of the State's Black population, Mississippi had one of the lowest percentages of Black registered voters in the country; and

WHEREAS, Three civil rights volunteers lost their lives in their attempts to secure voting rights for Blacks; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Goodman was a white 20 year-old anthropology major from Queens College who volunteered for the "Freedom Summer" project; and

WHEREAS, James Chaney was a 21 year-old African-American from Meridian, Mississippi, who became a civil rights activist, joining the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in 1963, to work on voter registration and education; and

WHEREAS, Michael "Mickey" Schwerner was a white 24 year-old from Brooklyn, New York, who was a CORE field secretary in Mississippi and a veteran of the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, On the morning of June 21, 1964, the three men left the CORE office in Meridian, Mississippi, and set out for Longdale, Mississippi, where they were to investigate the recent burning of the Mount Zion Methodist Church, a Black church that had been functioning as a Freedom School for education and voter registration; and

WHEREAS, The three civil rights workers were beaten, shot, and killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan; and

WHEREAS, The national uproar in response to the deaths of these brave men helped generate the public support necessary to bring about passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, to acknowledge the sacrifices made by Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner; their story will be told to millions of Americans and their bravery will continue to inspire generations to come through the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize that the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee is contemplating a recommendation to issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner, and the "Freedom Summer" of 1964; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause further to recognize that such a stamp should honor these three men based upon the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) poster from 1964, which was created by Danny Lyon, a prominent photographer of the Civil Rights movement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the families of Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner.

ADOPTED IN SENATE ON
June 13, 2011

By order of the Senate,
Francis W. Patience
Francis W. Patience, *Secretary*

ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON
June 15, 2011

By order of the Assembly,
Laurene R. Kretzler
Laurene R. Kretzler, *Clerk*

