

- Thank you, Tony.
- It's my honor to help to help salute the U.S. Postal service – and all their men and women in uniform.
- You know, it's true that there is something special about getting a letter you've been waiting for.
- The most memorable mail I ever received was when I was in the service – stationed overseas.
- We were of course all big, tough, macho guys – but nothing melted us down like a letter from home. (give example – if you have one)
- With this new stamp - “Greetings from Minnesota” – it's great!
- Can you imagine what it would be like to be a National Guard member from Red Wing who's in Afghanistan right now – and get a letter with this stamp on it?
- It would mean quite a bit.
- We have all kinds of telecommunications these days – but there's nothing like a piece of mail you can hold in your hand – and save – and keep.
- And it's a pretty good idea to use this stamp to promote our state.
- I'd recommend using it to send to anyone you know around the country and around the world.
- It's called “building name recognition.”
- When I've traveled to Japan and Germany on behalf of tourism – you'd be surprised how many people never *heard* of Minnesota.
- One final note – I know it's highly inappropriate to mention the “e” word here – for that *other* kind of mail.
- So let me take this pledge to you: I will resist using my computer to communicate with anyone at all.



- I'll go further than that – I will resist using my computer, period.
- Besides – the great thing about being Governor is I have other people to do that for me.
- I'm the kind of guy that takes out a pen and writes a letter.
- And what are my favorite words when someone owes me money?
- “The check is in the mail!”
- Thank you.