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The year 1980 marks the two-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Philip Mazzei (1730–1816), the forgotten patriot who emigrated to Virginia in 1773 and joined Jefferson, Henry, and other colonial patriots in the growing independence movement. A United States Airmail Stamp commemorating the anniversary will be issued on 13 October, in Washington, D.C. The stamp has

the same design as an Italian stamp to be issued at Poggio a Caiano, Italy, Mazzei's birthplace. The idea to use the same design was suggested by Sister Margherita Marchione, of Fairleigh Dickinson University, who edits the Mazzei papers. "Patriot Remembered" is the legend above the Mazzei portrait on the stamp.