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H. J. RES. 15

To provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. CONYERS submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong.

Whereas Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong overcame great poverty and social disadvantage to become an internationally renowned musician;

Whereas Louis Armstrong, a symbol of twentieth century American culture, was substantially responsible for the popularity of jazz, which is both an American art form and a National treasure;

Whereas the unique creative talent and innovative improvisational style of Louis Armstrong transformed jazz and inspired generations of jazz musicians;

Whereas Louis Armstrong was undoubtedly the greatest horn player of his day, as well as one of the leading trumpet players of all time and one of America's foremost musical ambassadors;

Whereas Louis Armstrong has influenced more horn players than any other musician in the history of jazz, and this influence has helped perpetuate the art form of jazz;

Whereas the accomplishments of Louis Armstrong as a musical and technical virtuoso on the trumpet were a milestone in the evolution of jazz-form ensemble ragtime into an interpretive musical art;

Whereas Louis Armstrong, as an African-American musician, made groundbreaking advances in the integration of the performing arts during a career which lasted over five decades; and

Whereas the unwavering dedication of Louis Armstrong to his craft serves as an inspiration for all Americans and a reminder of the important contributions of African-Americans to American culture: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the Postmaster General shall issue a commemorative
- 4 postage stamp in honor of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong.
- 5 Such a stamp shall be issued and sold for such period as
- 6 the Postmaster General shall determine.

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