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H. J. RES. 191

To provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Joyce Kilmer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 1993

Mrs. BYRNE introduced 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 Joyce Kilmer.

Whereas Joyce Kilmer inspired lovers of poetry the world over through his positive prose;

Whereas Joyce Kilmer, a symbol of twentieth century American culture, has enriched the art of poetry;

Whereas Joyce Kilmer authored countless poems that hold fast in many memories which ring true to this day;

Whereas he valiantly served his country during World War I, first as a volunteer in the Sixty-Ninth Regiment, United States Army National Guard;

Whereas he served as a member of the “Irish Brigade,” which had a long and rich line of service in the history of our nation and was among the first to battle in France;

Whereas Joyce Kilmer, struck by the tragedy of the sinking of the Lusitania on May 7, 1915, opined in one of his greatest poems “The White Ships and the Red,” the sorrow and the tragedy that is war;

Whereas Joyce Kilmer, at his request, was transferred to the Regimental Intelligence Section and bravely served with distinction as a scout on the front lines;

Whereas Joyce Kilmer was awarded Croix de Guerre for bravery under fire;

Whereas Joyce Kilmer, poet laureate and defender of freedom, died in action, July 30, 1918; and

Whereas Joyce Kilmer’s appreciation for peace, nature and love, as most widely recognized in his sonnet entitled “Trees,” served to underscore the innocence and beauty that symbolized a freedom-loving America: 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 stamp in honor of Joyce Kilmer. Such a stamp shall be
- 5 issued and sold for such period as the Postmaster General
- 6 shall determine.

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