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Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21, 2007

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

Whereas Down syndrome affects people of all races and economic levels;

Whereas Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal abnormality;

Whereas 1 in every 800 to 1,000 children is born with Down syndrome;

Whereas more than 350,000 people in the United States have
Down syndrome;

Whereas 5,000 children with Down syndrome are born each
year;

Whereas as the mortality rate associated with Down syn-
drome in the United States decreases, the prevalence of
individuals with Down syndrome in the United States will
increase;

Whereas some experts project that the number of people with
Down syndrome will double by 2013;

Whereas individuals with Down syndrome are becoming in-
creasingly integrated into society and community organi-
zations, such as schools, health care systems, work forces,
and social and recreational activities;

Whereas more and more people in the United States interact
with individuals with Down syndrome, increasing the
need for widespread public acceptance and education; and

Whereas a greater understanding of Down syndrome and ad-
vancements in treatment of Down syndrome-related
health problems have allowed people with Down syndrome
to enjoy fuller and more active lives: Now, therefore, be
it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—
- 3 (1) the United States Postal Service should
- 4 issue a commemorative postage stamp to promote
- 5 public awareness of Down syndrome; and

1 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
2 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
3 such a stamp be issued.

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