

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 15

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring former Representative Shirley Chisholm, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2009

Ms. LEE of California submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring former Representative Shirley Chisholm, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

Whereas Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm was born on November 30, 1924, in Brooklyn, New York, to Charles and Ruby St. Hill;

Whereas, in 1968, Shirley Chisholm made history by becoming the first African-American woman elected to the House of Representatives, representing the Twelfth Con-

gressional District of New York until her retirement in 1983;

Whereas Shirley Chisholm was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, a fierce advocate for women's rights and democracy, and a staunch opponent of the Vietnam War;

Whereas Shirley Chisholm was an outspoken advocate for equal rights, early childhood education, fair labor standards, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday effort;

Whereas Shirley Chisholm was a cofounder of the New York City Chapter of the National Organization for Women, the organization's first chapter; and

Whereas Shirley Chisholm further cemented her place in history when she became the first African-American person to seek a major political party's nomination for President in 1972: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3            (1) a commemorative postage stamp should be  
4        issued by the United States Postal Service honoring  
5        former Representative Shirley Chisholm; and

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

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