

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 216

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative stamp should
be issued honoring Felix Octavius Carr Darley.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

Mr. CASTLE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative
stamp should be issued honoring Felix Octavius Carr Darley.

Whereas Felix Octavius Carr Darley, a prolific 19th century
illustrator and designer, was born on June 22, 1821, in
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and completed most of his
major works while living in Claymont, Delaware, before
he died on March 27, 1888;

Whereas Darley was the illustrator for Washington Irving's
“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”, “Rip Van Winkle”,
“Tales of a Traveler”, and the five-volume “Life of
George Washington”;

Whereas Darley created the sketches for Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow's “Evangeline”, and was the illustrator for
the American publications of Charles Dickens, including
“A Tale of Two Cities”;

Whereas Darley designed and executed the two woodcut illustrations for the first printing of Edgar Allen Poe’s “The Gold-Bug” in the Philadelphia Dollar Newspaper;

Whereas Darley provided illustrations for the first known publication of Clement Moore’s “A Visit from St. Nicholas”, the edition featuring the first change of the last line from “happy Christmas to all” to “merry Christmas to all”;

Whereas, in 1875, Darley engaged in preparing 500 drawings to illustrate a book entitled “History of the United States”, by B. J. Lossing;

Whereas Darley illustrated more than 500 designs for James Fenimore Cooper’s works, including a project involving designs for 64 steel engravings and 120 wood engravings, leading to the publication of “The Cooper Vignettes” which showcased the artist’s works;

Whereas Darley provided the line drawings for Nathaniel Hawthorne’s “The Scarlet Letter”;

Whereas Darley was elected a member of the Academy of Design in 1852;

Whereas Darley was a member of the Artist’s Fund Society and was one of the early members of the American Society of Painters in Watercolors;

Whereas Darley was inducted into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame in 2001; and

Whereas, for his accomplishments, Darley is credited by many scholars with helping to create the pioneer image of American History: Now, therefore, be it

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

- 1 (1) a commemorative stamp should be issued
- 2 honoring Felix Octavius Carr Darley; and
- 3 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
- 4 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
- 5 such a stamp be issued.

