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Expressing the sense of the Senate that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to honor Dr. Edgar J. Helms.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2001

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT A COMMEMORA-**
3 **TIVE POSTAGE STAMP SHOULD BE ISSUED TO**
4 **HONOR DR. EDGAR J. HELMS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

6 (1) Dr. Helms was born in a wilderness lumber
7 camp in upstate New York on January 19, 1863,
8 and passed away on December 23, 1942, at the age
9 of 79.

1 (2) Dr. Helms established the Church of All
2 Nations in Boston's troubled South End to provide
3 a spiritual haven and a center for job training for
4 the poor and destitute.

5 (3) In 1902, Dr. Helms founded Goodwill In-
6 dustries, Inc. (in this section referred to as "Good-
7 will"), a nonprofit organization established to collect
8 unwanted clothing and household goods from Bos-
9 ton's wealthy citizens to allow poor immigrants to
10 repair them for resale, thereby giving employment to
11 relatively unskilled people as well as giving them a
12 source of inexpensive clothing and other goods.

13 (4) Dr. Helms often denied himself basic com-
14 forts to save money for larger purposes.

15 (5) In the mid-1930's, Goodwill changed from
16 a work relief organization to one that primarily
17 served people with disabilities.

18 (6) Goodwill played a key role during World
19 War II by providing workers who produced many
20 basic necessities for the war effort.

21 (7) Goodwill serves people with physical, men-
22 tal, and emotional disabilities, and those who face
23 extraordinary barriers to employment such as those
24 who are in poverty, including those who receive pub-

(8) Goodwill provided services for more than 440,000 people in 2000, and more than 77,000 of them became employed as a result of the assistance Goodwill provided.

(9) For almost 100 years, Goodwill has benefited millions of Americans by fulfilling the mission set out by Dr. Helms in his message of “Not Charity But a Chance”.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued in 2002 to honor Dr. Edgar J. Helms.

16 SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL TO CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COM-
17 MITTEE.

18 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy
19 of this resolution to the chairperson of the Citizens' Stamp
20 Advisory Committee.

