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Expressing the sense of the Congress that a series of postage stamps should be issued in recognition of the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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Mr. OBEY (for himself, Mr. BOYD, Mr. MANTON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. REYES, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Ms. CARSON, Mr. KIND, Mr. GORDON, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a series of postage stamps should be issued in recognition of the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Whereas since July 12, 1862, the United States has recognized the individual gallantry of its soldiers, sailors, and airmen with the Congressional Medal of Honor;

Whereas nearly 3,400 veterans have received this honor in recognition of their valor in times of war and times of peace, such as—

(1) Lieutenant William Winegar, 1st New York Dragoons, who while advancing ahead of his company at Five Forks, Virginia, accosted a Confederate flagbearer, and with the firing of only one shot secured the surrender of the entire opposing unit;

(2) Hospital Apprentice First Class David E. Hayden, United States Navy, of Florence, Texas, who while serving in France during World War I braved machine-gun fire sweeping an open field in an effort to save a mortally wounded Marine corporal;

(3) Major Richard Ira Bong, United States Army Air Corps, of Poplar, Wisconsin, the top-scoring United States ace in World War II, whose 40 aerial victories surpassed Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record;

(4) Sergeant Joseph C. Rodriguez, United States Army, of San Bernardino, California, who led his squad in a daring attack on a North Korean strongpoint in which he raced 60 yards through enemy fire and single-handedly wiped out five gun emplacements, leading to the rout of the enemy;

(5) Private First Class Robert H. Jenkins, Jr., United States Marine Corps, of Interlachen, Florida, who while serving in Vietnam sacrificed himself to save a fellow Marine from a North Vietnamese grenade; and

(6) the soldiers interred in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery, and those thousands that are not named;

Whereas too often the Nation allows the remarkable sacrifice and valor of such individuals to fade from memory; and

Whereas postage stamp series have been commissioned in the past to honor other significant elements of American culture and 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—

3 (1) a series of postage stamps should be issued
4 in recognition of recipients of the Congressional
5 Medal of Honor; and

6 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of
7 the United States Postal Service should recommend
8 to the Postmaster General that such a series of post-
9 age stamps be issued.

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