

105TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 232

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued to honor the 150th anniversary of the emigration of over 1,000,000 people from Ireland to the United States to escape the Irish Potato Famine, and to honor the contributions these immigrants and their descendants made to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 1998

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. MANTON, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. KING, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. TOWNS, and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States Postal Service selects subjects for commemorative postage stamps from among events and

landmarks with significance to the history of the United States;

Whereas 150 years ago, Ireland experienced what became known as the Irish Potato Famine;

Whereas between 1846 and 1850, starvation and disease in Ireland killed an estimated 1,500,000 people and forced more than 1,000,000 people to emigrate from Ireland to the United States;

Whereas the tragedy of the Irish Potato Famine and the resulting influx of Irish immigrants to the United States had a great impact on American history, society, and culture;

Whereas Irish immigrants and their descendants have contributed significantly to the growth and development of the United States;

Whereas Irish immigrants and their descendants found opportunity in the United States and in return offered their labor, strove to educate themselves and their children, and committed themselves to civic and charitable activities;

Whereas Irish immigrants and their descendants have demonstrated their patriotism by serving the United States with valor in each of the wars in which the United States has participated since the American Revolution; and

Whereas today, more than 38,000,000 Americans are of Irish descent: 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 postage stamp should be issued to honor

4 the 150th anniversary of the emigration of more

1 than 1,000,000 people from Ireland to the United
2 States to escape the Irish Potato Famine, and to
3 honor the contributions of these immigrants and
4 their descendants to the history, society, culture, and
5 security of the United States; 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 postage
9 stamp be issued.

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