105TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 253

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the 150th anniversary of the presence of Fort Bliss in the El Paso, Texas, area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 26, 1998

Mr. Reyes 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 commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the 150th anniversary of the presence of Fort Bliss in the El Paso, Texas, area.
- Whereas the original orders to deploy United States Army troops to El Paso, Texas, were signed on November 7, 1848;
- Whereas troops stationed at Fort Bliss have a long and distinguished history in the defense of this Nation;
- Whereas Fort Bliss has been and remains the home of air defense artillery;
- Whereas, since the inception of this Nation's guided missile projects, Fort Bliss has played a critical role in the devel-

opment and implementation of the Army's missile programs;

Whereas, from the early days of the Nike Ajax missile program to today's sophisticated missile defense systems, Fort Bliss has trained men and women from throughout this Nation and the Free World to operate some of the Army's most sophisticated equipment; and

Whereas postage stamps have been commissioned in the past to honor other significant events, including the 100th anniversary of the presence of Fort Bliss in the El Paso, Texas, area: 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 commemorative postage stamp should be 4 issued by the United States Postal Service in honor 5 of the 150th anniversary of the presence of Fort 6 Bliss in the El Paso, Texas, area; and 7 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee 8 should recommend to the Postmaster General that

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such a postage stamp be issued.

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