

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 260

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Paul Leroy Robeson, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General in 1998, during which occurs the 100th anniversary of Paul Robeson's birth, that such a stamp be issued.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 1998

Mr. RUSH (for himself and Mr. PALLONE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas April 9, 1998, is the centennial of the birth of Paul Leroy Robeson;

Whereas Paul Leroy Robeson lost his mother, Anna, in a household fire, and was reared in humble circumstances as 1 of 5 children in a single-parent household by his fa-

ther, William Drew Robeson, a Presbyterian minister,
who graduated from Lincoln University;

Whereas despite difficult circumstances, as a child, Paul
Leroy Robeson showed significant promise as an honor
student, thespian, and athlete;

Whereas Paul Leroy Robeson graduated from Rutgers Uni-
versity in 1919, with letters in basketball, baseball, dis-
cus, shot put, football, and javelin, and, more impor-
tantly, was a member of both the Phi Beta Kappa and
Cap and Skull honor societies at Rutgers University;

Whereas Paul Leroy Robeson graduated from Columbia Law
School in 1923, but found the legal profession so resist-
ant to African-American lawyers that he embarked on a
career in the theater and arts which brought him world
renown; and

Whereas Paul Leroy Robeson became an advocate for the
rights of African-Americans and other oppressed people,
and in so doing sacrificed his career as a world-renowned
actor and singer: 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 honoring
5 Paul Leroy Robeson; and

6 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
7 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
8 such a stamp be issued.

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