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H. CON. RES. 79

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued to mark the 85th anniversary of the dedication of the Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct, now known as the Nicholson Viaduct, in Nicholson, Pennsylvania.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 1997

Mr. MCDADE (for himself and Mr. SAXTON) 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 postage stamp should be issued to mark the 85th anniversary of the dedication of the Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct, now known as the Nicholson Viaduct, in Nicholson, Pennsylvania.

Whereas the United States Postal Service selects subject for commemorative postage stamps from among notable events and landmarks of historic significance to the United States of America;

Whereas the construction of the Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct, now known as the Nicholson Viaduct, in Nicholson, Pennsylvania, was one of the greatest engineering feats of the early twentieth century;

Whereas construction of the Nicholson Viaduct started in May of 1912 and was completed in the autumn of 1915, which even with modern technology would be a very short period for building such a structure;

Whereas the Nicholson Viaduct is 2,375 feet long and 240 feet above the stream level, and over 300 feet above bed-rock;

Whereas the materials which make up the 12 spans of the Nicholson Viaduct include 163,000 cubic yards of concrete, 2,280,000 pounds of reinforcing steel, and 185,000 barrels of cement;

Whereas the Nicholson Viaduct was built by the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad with a workforce of approximately 500 men, less than half of whom were skilled laborers;

Whereas the Nicholson Viaduct was constructed as part of a modernization program to shorten the length of the railroad, reduce the grades, and eliminate curves in order to reduce running times;

Whereas the Nicholson Viaduct is an important part of our Nation's industrial heritage; and

Whereas November 6, 2000, will mark the 85th anniversary of the dedication of the Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct, now known as the Nicholson Viaduct: 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 com-
4 memorate the 85th anniversary of the dedication of
5 the Nicholson Viaduct; and

1 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of
2 the United States Postal Service should recommend
3 to the Postmaster General that such a postage
4 stamp be issued.

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