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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Governmental Affairs

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- 1 Whereas the youth of America face more difficult chal-
- 2 lenges than ever before, with the lure of gangs, drugs,
- 3 alcohol, and sex increasing the potential for irrespon-
- 4 sible behavior and violence at ever earlier ages;
- 5 Whereas all too often the media focuses on negative stories
- 6 about America's youth;

1 Whereas many young Americans have made extraordinary
2 contributions to their communities and to their coun-
3 try;

4 Whereas 10-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester,
5 Maine, wrote to Chairman Yuri Andropov of the So-
6 viet Union in 1982 urging peace at the height of the
7 Cold War;

8 Whereas Samantha was invited by Chairman Andropov to
9 visit the Soviet Union the following year and became
10 widely recognized as a spokesperson for the cause of
11 peace until her death in a plane crash in 1985; and

12 Whereas America's young people need positive role models
13 from among their peers: Now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
15 United States Postal Service should issue a series of post-
16 age stamps highlighting the extraordinary achievements of
17 young Americans and that a stamp honoring Samantha
18 Smith of Manchester, Maine, should be the first in this
19 series.

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