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Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Hiram Bingham IV, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2001

Mr. SIMMONS (for himself, Mr. LATOURETTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. HOLDEN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Hiram Bingham IV, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

Whereas Hiram Bingham IV, of Salem, Connecticut, exemplified American public service and personal bravery of the highest order;

Whereas, while serving as a United States diplomat in France between 1939 and 1941, Hiram Bingham IV helped save the lives of thousands of refugees who were fleeing Hitler, by writing false visas for them, hiding them at his diplomatic residence, working with the

French underground, and planning daring escapes for them through Southern France;

Whereas Hiram Bingham IV, in courageously following his conscience, was risking not only his career (since his actions contravened the policies of his government at the time), but his personal safety;

Whereas Hiram Bingham IV has come to be recognized as one of eleven “righteous diplomats” who, collectively, helped save approximately 200,000 persons from the Holocaust, some 1,000,000 descendants of whom are living today; and

Whereas, for his selfless heroism, Hiram Bingham IV has been called “America’s Wallenberg” and “America’s Schindler”: 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 Hiram Bingham IV; and
- 6 (2) the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee
- 7 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
- 8 such a stamp be issued.

