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S. RES. 289

Expressing the sense of the Senate that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2002

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAUX) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT A COMMEMORA-**
3 **TIVE POSTAGE STAMP SHOULD BE ISSUED TO**
4 **CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE**
5 **LOUISIANA PURCHASE.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

7 (1) The Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase
8 occurs in 2003, 200 years after the United States,
9 under the Presidency of Thomas Jefferson and after
10 approval by Congress, paid \$15,000,000 to acquire

1 the 800,000 square mile territory stretching from
2 Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Mis-
3 sissippi River to the Rocky Mountains.

4 (2) The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of
5 the United States and still remains the largest
6 peaceful land transaction in history.

7 (3) The Louisiana Purchase, following explo-
8 ration by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, al-
9 lowed an unprecedented age of settlement and
10 achievement by the people of the United States in
11 the Nation's heartland.

12 (4) The land acquired in the Louisiana Pur-
13 chase comprised all or part of the States of Arkan-
14 sas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota,
15 Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North
16 Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyo-
17 ming.

18 (5) Commemoration of the Louisiana Purchase
19 and the subsequent opening of the American heart-
20 land through the issuance of a United States post-
21 age stamp would—

22 (A) heighten public awareness of the im-
23 pact of the Louisiana Purchase on the Amer-
24 ican society through the expansion and develop-
25 ment of the West; and

1 (B) benefit the American public by pro-
2 viding a lesson for continued democratic gov-
3 ernance in the United States.

4 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
5 Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
6 should recommend to the Postmaster General that a com-
7 memorative postage stamp be issued in 2003 to celebrate
8 the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase.

9 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL TO CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COM-**
10 **MITTEE.**

11 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy
12 of this resolution to the chairperson of the Citizens' Stamp
13 Advisory Committee.

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