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Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of Harold Washington, the 42d mayor of Chicago.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2003

Mr. RUSH 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 in honor of Harold Washington, the 42d mayor of Chicago.

Whereas Mayor Harold Washington was an exemplary public servant and dynamic leader who dedicated his life to his beloved Chicago and to equal opportunity for all of Chicago's citizens;

Whereas Washington was a graduate of DuSable High School, Roosevelt University, and the Northwestern University School of Law;

Whereas Washington served his country during World War II with the 1887th Engineer Aviation Battalion in the South Pacific, where his unit received the Meritorious Service Unit award, and he was honorably discharged after highly decorated military service;

Whereas Washington served the city of Chicago as a legislator in the Illinois House of Representatives, the Illinois State Senate, and the United States House of Representatives;

Whereas in 1983 Washington was the first African-American elected mayor of Chicago after a record voter turnout, and after a campaign that centered around reform and an end to political patronage;

Whereas while mayor of Chicago, Washington achieved countless important developments for the city of Chicago, including the creation of the city's Ethics Commission, enhanced minority and small business contracting, opening city government to the freedom of information standards, and a more equitable provision of public services to city neighborhoods;

Whereas Washington was elected to a second term as mayor in 1987 with ambitious plans for his second term;

Whereas Washington tragically passed away at his office desk in City Hall on November 25, 1987; and

Whereas the issuance of a postage stamp recognizing Washington's contributions will broaden the understanding of his work, his contributions to the city of Chicago and the United States, and his stature as a trailblazer and role model for Chicagoans of all racial and ethnic backgrounds: 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 by the
- 4 United States Postal Service in honor of Harold
- 5 Washington; and

- 1 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
- 2 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
- 3 such a postage stamp be issued.

