

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 153

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Michael E. DeBakey
5 Stamp Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) Dr. Michael E. DeBakey was widely consid-
2 ered to be one of the greatest surgeons ever, accord-
3 ing to the Journal of the American Medical Associa-
4 tion;

5 (2) his surgical inventions, such as the roller
6 pump, which is a component of the heart-lung ma-
7 chine used in open-heart surgery, continue to save
8 countless lives;

9 (3) Dr. DeBakey's surgical innovations, for ex-
10 ample the use of Dacron grafts for damaged arte-
11 ries, revolutionized the practice of medicine nation-
12 ally and globally;

13 (4) his commitment to military medicine helped
14 shape the creation of the mobile army surgical hos-
15 pital or MASH unit, and a medical program for re-
16 turning veterans; and

17 (5) Dr. DeBakey was consulted regarding the
18 health of several world leaders, including President
19 Boris N. Yeltsin during the cold war.

20 **SEC. 3. MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY STAMP.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to honor the work of Dr.
22 Michael Ellis DeBakey, who helped develop the mobile
23 army surgical hospital, the Postmaster General shall pro-
24 vide for the issuance of a forever stamp suitable for that
25 purpose that depicts Dr. Michael E. DeBakey.

1 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
2 “forever stamp” means a definitive stamp which meets the
3 postage required for first-class mail up to one ounce in
4 weight, and which retains full validity for that purpose
5 even if the rate of that postage is later increased.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The stamp described in sub-
7 section (a) shall be issued beginning as soon as practicable
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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