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Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of Ava Gardner.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Mr. ETHERIDGE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Ava Gardner's movie career was recognized by the film industry, as demonstrated by her receipt of a Golden Globe nomination for "Best Actress in a Drama" for "Night of the Iguana" (released in 1964), an Academy of Motion Pictures "Merit for Outstanding Achievement, Best Actress" nomination for "Mogambo" (released in 1953), and the Look "Film Achievement" award for "The Hucksters" (released in 1947);

Whereas Ava Gardner personified and led the golden age of Hollywood, when stories were of the heart and values dictated one's performance, with roles such as Sarah in "The Bible . . . in the Beginning" (released in 1966),

recognized as the Best Picture of the Month for the Whole Family with the Box Office Blue-Ribbon Award;

Whereas Ava Gardner's patriotism was unparalleled, and she was recognized by the Armed Forces for her spirit of public service and for her distinguished performance as guest star of the Armed Forces radio network's production of "Victorious Lady";

Whereas Time Magazine recognized Ava Gardner's achievements in 1951 by dedicating its cover to her, the first female from North Carolina to appear there;

Whereas Ava Gardner resided in New York, California, Spain, and England, and her work was world renowned, taking her around the Nation and the globe;

Whereas although Ava Gardner rose to great heights from humble beginnings, living the American Dream through hard work and perseverance, she did not forget the needs of ordinary people and worked tirelessly for cancer research funding;

Whereas Ava Gardner also did not forget the people of Johnston County, North Carolina, where she was born the youngest of the five daughters and two sons of Jonas and Mary Elizabeth Gardner, attended high school in the Rock Ridge community, and attended college in then Atlantic Christian College (Barton College) in Wilson, North Carolina;

Whereas citizens from every State in the United States and people from around the world revere Ava Gardner's work, visiting the Ava Gardner Museum in Smithfield, North Carolina, visiting numerous Internet sites related to her, and enjoying her work in episodes of the hit television se-

ries “Knots Landing” and her life story in biographical television movies;

Whereas Ava Gardner’s works carry on, despite her death on January 25, 1990; and

Whereas Ava Gardner was one of America’s most accomplished actresses in the 20th century, leading the Hollywood golden age, spreading the goodwill and patriotism of the American people around the globe, and setting the mark to be achieved in film, radio, and television for aspiring actresses and actors: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

2 (1) a commemorative postage stamp should be
3 issued by the United States Postal Service in honor
4 of Ava Gardner; and

5 (2) the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee of
6 the United States Postal Service should recommend
7 to the Postmaster General that such a postage
8 stamp be issued.

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