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To require that a commemorative postage stamp be issued recognizing the courage of the American Indian at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty guaranteed
6 to the Sioux Indians exclusive possession of the area
7 in South Dakota west of the Missouri River;

8 (2) gold was discovered in the Black Hills of
9 South Dakota in the mid-1870s, and thousands of
10 miners, choosing to disregard the 1868 Fort Lar-

1 amie Treaty, began to settle the Sioux's territory,
2 provoking them to defend their land;

3 (3) unwilling to remove the settlers and being
4 unable to purchase the land, the United States Gov-
5 ernment issued an order to the Indian agencies that
6 all Indians return to their designated reservations by
7 January 31, 1876, or be deemed hostile;

8 (4) on June 25, 1876, the Sioux Indians, led by
9 Chief Sitting Bull, were camped in the valley of the
10 Little Bighorn River and were joined by 3,000 more
11 Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors; they were
12 attacked by the 7th Calvary, led by General George
13 Armstrong Custer; the Indians surrounded the 7th
14 Calvary and killed all 210 soldiers, including General
15 Custer; and

16 (5) the Battle of the Little Big Horn has been
17 recognized as one of the single greatest victories won
18 by the American Indian, and the attack led by Gen-
19 eral Custer was one of the greatest fiascoes the
20 United States Army has ever been forced to endure.

21 **SEC. 2. COMMEMORATIVE STAMP.**

22 The Postmaster General shall take such measures as
23 may be necessary to provide for the issuance of a com-

- 1 memorative postage stamp recognizing the courage of the
- 2 American Indian at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

