

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 187

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring Hattie McDaniel, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2003

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

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring Hattie McDaniel, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

Whereas Hattie McDaniel was born on June 10, 1895, in Wichita, Kansas;

Whereas Hattie McDaniel was a pioneer in the entertainment industry and helped open doors for other African American entertainers;

Whereas Hattie McDaniel was the first African American to sing on network radio in the United States;

Whereas Hattie McDaniel appeared on numerous radio shows throughout the 1930s and 1940s, including the Eddie Cantor Show and Amos 'n' Andy;

Whereas Hattie McDaniel is credited with appearing in 70 films from major studios such as Universal, Disney, 20th Century Fox, Paramount, MGM, RKO, Selznick International, and Warner Bros.;

Whereas Hattie McDaniel won the Best Supporting Actress Academy Award in 1939 for her performance as "Mammy" in Gone With the Wind and was the first African American to win an Oscar;

Whereas Hattie McDaniel had other significant roles, including playing "Queenie" in Show Boat, "Aunt Tempy" in Song of the South, and "Emily Hawkin" in Since You Went Away, and appearing in The Little Colonel with Shirley Temple;

Whereas Hattie McDaniel was the first African American performer to star in her own radio program, "Beulah", which later became a television series;

Whereas Hattie McDaniel was the first African American to be buried in Los Angeles' Rosedale Memorial Park upon her death of breast cancer on October 2, 1952; and

Whereas Hattie McDaniel was the most celebrated African American actress of her time: 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 commemorative postage stamp should be  
4   issued by the United States Postal Service honoring

5   Hattie McDaniel; and

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