

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2003

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

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

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

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