

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 202

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a postage stamp should be issued in honor of John Birks “Dizzy” Gillespie.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2003

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas John Birks “Dizzy” Gillespie was born on October 21, 1917, in Cheraw, South Carolina, and passed away on January 7, 1993, at the age of 75;

Whereas Dizzy Gillespie was a world renowned trumpeter, composer, and bandleader who, along with musician Charlie Parker, founded the modern jazz style known as “bebop”;

Whereas Dizzy Gillespie was a member of Cab Calloway’s Orchestra (1939–41) and influenced such modern jazz artists as John Coltrane and Miles Davis;

Whereas Dizzy Gillespie led several State Department-sponsored tours to Latin America and the Middle East, serving as an American diplomat and, in the process, spreading the influence of jazz and bebop to other cultures; and

Whereas Dizzy Gillespie is considered by many to be one of the greatest jazz players of all time: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) a postage stamp should be issued by the
4 United States Postal Service in honor of John Birks
5 “Dizzy” Gillespie; and

6 (2) the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee
7 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
8 such a stamp be issued.

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