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# **S. CON. RES. 48**

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

**JULY 27, 2005**

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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Whereas Down syndrome affects people of all races and economic levels;

Whereas Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal abnormality;

Whereas 1 in every 800 to 1,000 children is born with Down syndrome;

Whereas more than 350,000 people in the United States have Down syndrome;

Whereas 5,000 children with Down syndrome are born each year;

Whereas as the mortality rate associated with Down syndrome in the United States decreases, the prevalence of individuals with Down syndrome in the United States will increase;

Whereas some experts project that the number of people with Down syndrome will double by 2013;

Whereas individuals with Down syndrome are becoming increasingly integrated into society and community organizations, such as schools, health care systems, work forces, and social and recreational activities;

Whereas more and more people in the United States interact with individuals with Down syndrome, increasing the need for widespread public acceptance and education; and

Whereas a greater understanding of Down syndrome and advancements in treatment of Down syndrome-related health problems have allowed people with Down syndrome to enjoy fuller and more active lives: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2   *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

3           (1) the United States Postal Service should  
4           issue a commemorative postage stamp to promote  
5           public awareness of Down syndrome; and

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

