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Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of George Thomas “Mickey” Leland.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas George Thomas Leland (affectionately known as “Mickey”), in the course of his 6 terms as a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Texas, emerged as a national spokesman regarding the problem of hunger in the United States and throughout the world;

Whereas Mickey Leland was instrumental in establishing the Select Committee on Hunger and served as chairman of that committee until the time of his death;

Whereas, in the capacity of chairman of the Select Committee on Hunger, Mickey Leland helped generate public awareness of the complex issues relating to the alleviation of

hunger and demonstrated strong personal moral leadership;

Whereas it was his leadership that guided the Hunger Prevention Act of 1988, which required the Secretary of Agriculture not only to distribute surplus food, but also to purchase additional food for future distributions to needy households;

Whereas Mickey Leland brought together entertainment personalities, religious leaders, and private volunteer agencies to generate public support for the African Famine Relief and Recovery Act of 1985, which provided \$800,000,000 in food and humanitarian relief supplies;

Whereas the various initiatives brought forth by Mickey Leland to eradicate world hunger undoubtedly saved thousands of lives;

Whereas 2007 marks the 18th anniversary of Mickey Leland's death;

Whereas Mickey Leland died as he lived: on a mission to make a positive difference in this world; and

Whereas commemorative postage stamps have been commissioned to honor other great leaders in American history: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) a commemorative postage stamp should be
4 issued in honor of George Thomas “Mickey” Leland;
5 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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