

103^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 293

To provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Captain Francis Gary Powers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 1993

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. BYRNE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Captain Francis Gary Powers.

Whereas Captain Powers served his country as a U-2 pilot during the Cold War;

Whereas on May 1, 1960, Captain Powers' plane was shot down while performing a reconnaissance mission over the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

Whereas while Captain Powers was held a prisoner and interrogated by the Soviets, he followed Central Intelligence Agency regulations and did not reveal classified information about his mission or his airplane;

Whereas Captain Powers was tried for espionage by the Soviet Union and imprisoned for twenty-one months;

Whereas Captain Powers was wrongly accused of not fulfilling his mission by citizens of the United States of America while serving his jail sentence in the Soviet Union;

Whereas the Central Intelligence Agency never fully exonerated Captain Powers for his heroics when he was returned to the United States; and

Whereas Captain Powers was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and promoted to the rank of Captain: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the Postmaster General shall issue a commemorative
- 4 postage stamp in honor of Captain Francis Gary Powers.
- 5 Such a stamp shall be issued and sold for such period as
- 6 the Postmaster General shall determine.

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