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Whereas James M. (“Jimmy”) Stewart made more than 80 films including comedies, westerns, and dramas of suspense;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart won an Academy Award for best performance by an actor in 1940 for his performance in “The Philadelphia Story” and received four other Oscar nominations for his performances in “Mr. Smith Goes to

Washington”, “It’s a Wonderful Life”, “Harvey”, and “Anatomy of a Murder”;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart received a Screen Actors Guild Award in 1968 for “fostering the finest ideals of the acting profession”; the American Film Institute’s eighth life achievement award in 1980, a Kennedy Center Honor in 1983, a special Academy Award in 1984 for “50 years of meaningful performances” and “for his high ideals, both on and off the screen”, and the annual tribute by the Film Society of Lincoln Center in 1990;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart appeared in a number of television shows and Broadway plays and received a Tony Award;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart’s poetry was compiled into his 1989 book entitled “Jimmy Stewart and his Poems”;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart enlisted in the military and served during World War II as operations officer, chief of staff, and squadron commander of the Second Combat Wing of the U.S. Eighth Air Force in England;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart’s military decorations include two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Air Medal, multiple oak leaf clusters, six battle stars, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart attained the rank of colonel during World War II and the rank of brigadier general in 1959, making him the highest ranking entertainer in the American military;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart was active in national politics in his later years and was a close personal friend of former President Ronald Reagan;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart testified before Congress in 1988 in favor of a bill that was later enacted to require film ex-

hibitors and distributors to disclose to the public whether certain culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant films had been colorized or otherwise altered from the original; and

Whereas in 1985 President Ronald Reagan awarded Jimmy Stewart the Nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress recognizes the many talents
3 of the late James M. ("Jimmy") Stewart and honors the
4 artistic, military, and political contributions he made to
5 the Nation.

Passed the House of Representatives September 16,
1997.

Attest:

Clerk.