

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 396

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring Tito Puente.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2002

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring Tito Puente.

Whereas Ernest Anthony Puente, Jr., nicknamed “Tito Puente”, was born on April 20, 1923, in East Harlem, New York, and was one of the greatest Hispanic musicians in his field;

Whereas Tito Puente was considered a musical child prodigy in Harlem at the age of 13;

Whereas Tito Puente served in the United States Navy and received a Presidential commendation for being in 9 battles;

Whereas Tito Puente was a 4-time Grammy Award winner and has participated in motion pictures and in television programs;

Whereas Tito Puente created a scholarship foundation in 1980 to promote the arts and to help talented children, and since then the foundation has awarded more than 50 scholarships;

Whereas Tito Puente has been awarded the Washington D.C. Hispanic Heritage Committee Award for the Arts and the Smithsonian Medal, in addition to other awards;

Whereas Tito Puente has recorded more than 100 songs heard throughout the world; and

Whereas Tito Puente died on May 31, 2000, in New York City, and will be remembered through generations as “El Rey de los Timbales”: 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 by the United States Postal Service honoring
5 Tito Puente; 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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