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# S. RES. 289

Expressing the sense of the Senate that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2002

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAUX) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT A COMMEMORA-**  
3                               **TIVE POSTAGE STAMP SHOULD BE ISSUED TO**  
4                               **CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE**  
5                               **LOUISIANA PURCHASE.**

6       (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

7               (1) The Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase  
8               occurs in 2003, 200 years after the United States,  
9               under the Presidency of Thomas Jefferson and after  
10              approval by Congress, paid \$15,000,000 to acquire

1 the 800,000 square mile territory stretching from  
2 Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Mis-  
3 sissippi River to the Rocky Mountains.

4 (2) The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of  
5 the United States and still remains the largest  
6 peaceful land transaction in history.

7 (3) The Louisiana Purchase, following explo-  
8 ration by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, al-  
9 lowed an unprecedented age of settlement and  
10 achievement by the people of the United States in  
11 the Nation's heartland.

12 (4) The land acquired in the Louisiana Pur-  
13 chase comprised all or part of the States of Arkan-  
14 sas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota,  
15 Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North  
16 Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyo-  
17 ming.

18 (5) Commemoration of the Louisiana Purchase  
19 and the subsequent opening of the American heart-  
20 land through the issuance of a United States post-  
21 age stamp would—

22 (A) heighten public awareness of the im-  
23 pact of the Louisiana Purchase on the Amer-  
24 ican society through the expansion and develop-  
25 ment of the West; and

1           (B) benefit the American public by pro-  
2           viding a lesson for continued democratic gov-  
3           ernance in the United States.

4           (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the  
5           Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
6           should recommend to the Postmaster General that a com-  
7           memorative postage stamp be issued in 2003 to celebrate  
8           the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase.

9           **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL TO CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COM-**  
10           **MITTEE.**

11           The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy  
12           of this resolution to the chairperson of the Citizens' Stamp  
13           Advisory Committee.

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