

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 73

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring the 1915 Panama-California Exposition, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2014

Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. FARR, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. PETERS of California) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

---

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring the 1915 Panama-California Exposition, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

Whereas San Diego played host to the Panama-California Exposition from January 1, 1915, until January 1, 1917;

Whereas the Panama-California Exposition recognized the historic completion of the Panama Canal, which revolutionized transcontinental trade;

Whereas, on May 22, 1911, the House of Representatives passed a congressional resolution endorsing San Diego's Panama-California Exposition and called on President William Howard Taft to invite our Central and South American partner nations as exposition participants;

Whereas seven States—California, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada, Washington, Montana, and Kansas—participated in that exposition and highlighted the unrealized potential of the American West;

Whereas San Diego has realized that potential over the past 100 years, growing to become the second largest city in California, the eighth largest city in our Nation, and a world leader in biomedical and technology research that was unimaginable a hundred years ago;

Whereas architects John and Frederick Olmsted of Massachusetts, Frank P. Allen, Jr., of Washington State, and Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue of New York collaborated to transform a little-used public park into a forward-looking urban landmark to host the exposition;

Whereas that park, known as Balboa Park, has since continued to host internationally recognized artistic performances, educational exhibits, and, during both World Wars, served as an active military installation;

Whereas the National Park Service recognized this rich history when it designated Balboa Park as a National Historic Landmark in 1977; and

Whereas Balboa Park will celebrate its centennial beginning in 2015 with a year of festivities that showcase San Diego's intellectual capital, imaginative spirit, and exceptional quality of life: Now, therefore, be it

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

3           (1) a commemorative postage stamp should be  
4 issued by the United States Postal Service honoring  
5 the 1915 Panama-California Exposition; and

6           (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
7 should recommend to the Postmaster General that  
8 such a stamp be issued.

○