

FOR the purpose of urging the United States Postal Service to issue the Babe Ruth postage stamp in Baltimore, Maryland simultaneously with its initial issuance elsewhere.

WHEREAS, In July, 1983, in Chicago, in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Major League Baseball All-Star Game, the Postal Service intends to issue a stamp commemorating Babe Ruth; and

WHEREAS, The Babe, one of the all-time great professional baseball players, unquestionably is most deserving of this high honor, having achieved unparalleled accomplishments and fame during his illustrious 22 year major league career - highlighted by batting statistics that include 714 career home runs, 15 World Series home runs, 60 home runs in a season (1927), 2,209 runs batted-in, and 506 doubles, and further enhanced by pitching glories exemplified by his 1,330 strikeouts, 2.24 earned-run average, two 20-win seasons, and .676 winning percentage; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his stellar athletic achievements, the Babe also was a great humanitarian who fully enjoyed life and humbly gave of his time, energy, and fortune to aid those less blessed than he; and

WHEREAS, The Babe was born, raised, and schooled in Baltimore, and started his professional baseball career with the old Baltimore Orioles in the International League in 1914, it is with a special sense of joy and pride that Marylanders anticipate the issuance of the Babe Ruth stamp; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Babe's close ties to Baltimore - Maryland's "Charm City" - it is especially appropriate that the Babe Ruth stamp initially be issued there; and

WHEREAS, The Postal Service presently intends to make the initial issuance of the Babe Ruth stamp in July, 1983, only in Chicago in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Major League All-Star Game; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the United States Postal Service is urged to issue the Babe Ruth commemorative postage stamp simultaneously in Baltimore and Chicago; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That copies of this House Joint Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and to William F. Belger, Postmaster General, 475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260.~~

RESOLVED, That the below listed elected officials aggressively pursue the purpose of this resolution by exercising all their powers of persuasion with the postal service; and be it further