

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Postal Service to honor
2 Muhammad Ali with a stamp of his likeness.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service honors many notable Americans by
4 creating postage stamps of their likeness; and

5 WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali, a native Kentuckian born and raised in Louisville,
6 has been decorated for his successful career as a professional boxer and nicknamed "The
7 Greatest" for being one of the most significant figures in the 20th century; and

8 WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali was named Sportsman of the Century by Sports
9 Illustrated in 1999 and Sports Personality of the Century by the BBC; and

10 WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali won a gold medal at the age of 18 in the 1960
11 Olympics and later captured the boxing world heavyweight title. Out of 61 boxing
12 matches, he won 56, 37 by knockout, and lost only 5; and

13 WHEREAS, while Muhammad Ali was known for his ability as a boxer, he was
14 also celebrated for his work outside of boxing. He was a conscientious objector to the
15 Vietnam War due to his Muslim faith and ethical opposition to the war. He was also a
16 high profile figure of racial pride for African Americans during the civil rights movement
17 in the United States and throughout the world; and

18 WHEREAS, the former heavyweight boxing champion changed the conversation
19 about race, religion, politics, and sports in America; and

20 WHEREAS, after his retirement from boxing in 1981, Muhammad Ali continued to
21 be active in his religion, philanthropy, and activism even after his diagnosis of
22 Parkinson's disease in 1984; and

23 WHEREAS, the world was devastated when Muhammad Ali passed away on June
24 3, 2016; and

25 WHEREAS, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Lonnie Ali, Muhammad Ali's
26 widow, began a campaign for Muhammad Ali to be celebrated by having a stamp with his
27 likeness to be created by the United States Postal Service; and

1 WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali once stated, "I should be a postage stamp. That's the
2 only way I'll ever get licked.";

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
5 ***Kentucky:***

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby encourage the United States
7 Postal Service to honor and celebrate the life of one of Kentucky's greatest legends by
8 creating a postal stamp with the likeness of "The Greatest," Muhammad Ali.

9 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 resolution to the United States Postal Service, Office of the Consumer Advocate, 475
11 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4012, Washington, DC 20260-2200 and to Senator Morgan
12 McGarvey to present to the City of Louisville and the family of Muhammad Ali.