

1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 61

October 26, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Green, Schneider, Porter, F. Lasee, Ladwig, Urban, Hahn, Seratti, Schneiders, Olsen, Ainsworth and Ott, cosponsored by Senator Zien. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **Relating to:** requesting the postal service to issue an Uncle Sam stamp. 2 Whereas, "Uncle Sam" is one of the world's most recognized patriotic symbols 3 of the United States, its energy, freedom and determination; and Whereas, the original Uncle Sam was Sam Wilson (1766–1854), a Troy, New 4 York, meat packer who acquired the moniker when he stamped "U.S." on pork and 5 6 beef, inspecting and approving it for troops in the War of 1812; and 7 Whereas, in 1961 a U.S. congressional resolution recognized Uncle Sam Wilson as the namesake of our national symbol; and 8 9 Whereas, Uncle Sam has never been honored on a U.S. postage stamp, although 10 other nations have honored him and although other less universally known historical Americans have been so honored on U.S. philately since its 1847 inception; 11 12 and 13 Whereas, the U.S. Postal Service is currently issuing dozens of new postage 14 stamps and postal stationery to reflect the recently changed postal rates; and 15 Whereas, Uncle Sam is at least as deserving of a place in philatelic history as 16 Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Jefferson Davis, Clara Barton, Betsy Ross, Phoebe

Plummer and Bill Pickett; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature strongly encourages the U.S. Postal Service to finally portray Uncle Sam on a postage stamp for use worldwide; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to U.S. Postmaster General Marvin Runyon, the U.S. Postal Services Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, President Bill Clinton and each member of Wisconsin's congressional delegation.

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