

House Resolution 1221

By: Representatives Jackson of the 112th, Hudson of the 120th, Burmeister of the 114th, Lord of the 121st and Harbin of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to adopt
2 a U.S. postage stamp honoring the late United States Senator Thomas E. Watson; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Honorable Thomas E. Watson, known as the "Sage of Hickory Hill," was born
5 in McDuffie County, Georgia, on September 5, 1856; and

6 WHEREAS, he developed a voracious appetite for reading at an early age, attended Mercer
7 University for two years, read law in the office of Judge W. R. McLaws, and was admitted
8 to the practice of law on October 10, 1875; and

9 WHEREAS, he was elected to the General Assembly of Georgia in 1882, was elected to the
10 United States Congress from the Tenth District of Georgia in 1889, was nominated as a
11 candidate for Vice President of the United States on the Populist ticket in 1896, and served
12 as a United States Senator from 1921 until his death on September 26, 1922; and

13 WHEREAS, while growing up on the family farm in Norwood, Georgia, he observed an
14 elderly gentleman by the name of Jerry Parsons walking to several farms in the area
15 delivering the owners' mail; and

16 WHEREAS, while a member of Congress and a champion of rural citizens, he introduced
17 the resolution to create rural free delivery of mail, thus making it possible for people in rural
18 America to receive daily mail service; and

19 WHEREAS, from this humble beginning has grown an organization that delivers mail to
20 millions of homes six days a week and provides unparalleled service of which the men and
21 women of the United States Postal Service can justly be proud.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body urge the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States
3 Postal Service to adopt a U.S. postage stamp honoring the late United States Senator Thomas
4 E. Watson as the father of rural free delivery of U.S. mail.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
7 of the United States Postal Service.