

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 734

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring Ralph Samuelson, known as the Father of Waterskiing, to commemorate the upcoming 100-year anniversary of the invention of waterskiing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2021

Ms. CRAIG (for herself, Ms. McCOLLUM, Mr. PHILLIPS, and Ms. OMAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Ralph Samuelson invented waterskiing on Lake Pepin in Lake City, Minnesota;

Whereas the 100th anniversary of this historic event is July 2, 2022;

Whereas, as documented in letters of support from the USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Foundation, Ralph Samuelson was the first person to successfully water-ski;

Whereas this momentous event happened on July 2, 1922, on Lake Pepin in Lake City, Minnesota, the hometown of Ralph Samuelson;

Whereas Lake Pepin is a picturesque 30-mile long, 3-mile wide section of the Mississippi River that is 60 miles southeast of the Twin Cities;

Whereas a Sports Illustrated article dated August 10, 1987, also credited Mr. Samuelson as “The Father of Water-skiing” and described him as a thrill-seeker who spent much of his time on Lake Pepin; and

Whereas waterskiing is a hugely popular sport enjoyed by millions world-wide and those millions of people have Ralph Samuelson to thank: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the United States Postal Service should
4 issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring
5 Ralph Samuelson, known as the Father of Water-
6 skiing, to commemorate the upcoming 100-year an-
7 niversary of the invention of waterskiing; and

8 (2) the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee
9 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
10 such a stamp be issued.

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