

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 426

Expressing the sense of the Senate 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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 21, 2021

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. SMITH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate 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.

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 worldwide and those millions of people have Ralph Samuelson to thank: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

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

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

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