

1992

SESSION RESOLUTIONS

ENROLLED AND DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

RESOLUTION 9—H.F.No. 1652

A resolution memorializing the Postmaster General to issue a postal stamp in commemoration of Wanda Gag, American Author and Illustrator.

WHEREAS, Wanda Gag was born March 11, 1893, in New Ulm, Minnesota, to Anton and Lissi Gag; and

WHEREAS, she drew and painted constantly in high school and her work was published in magazines and newspapers; and

WHEREAS, her efforts rewarded, Wanda Gag was enabled to study art in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and New York; and

WHEREAS, leaving a career in fashion and commercial art, Wanda Gag moved to the countryside to pursue painting the plants, hills, machinery, and buildings around her; and

WHEREAS, a one-woman art show held in 1926, the first of four sponsored by the Weyhe Gallery of New York, increased her artistic reputation; and

WHEREAS, her prints, drawings, and water colors are still found in major museums and libraries of the United States and elsewhere, including the British Museum, the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, and the Pushkin Museum in Moscow; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Gag was a pioneer in the development of children's literature; and

WHEREAS, her first children's book, *Millions of Cats*, was selected as a runner-up in 1928 for the American Library Association's Newbery Medal and has been translated into more than eight languages; and

WHEREAS, designated the first great American picture book artist-author, her literary accomplishments consist of ten books for children, as well as one published set of diary entries and drawings entitled *Growing Pains*; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Charles Scribner's Sons included an article on Wanda Gag in a supplement to the *Dictionary of American Biography*; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Gag made a unique and lasting contribution to American children's literature that is as appealing to adults as to children; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it petitions the Postmaster General to issue a postal stamp commemorating Wanda Gag, American Author and Illustrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare certified copies of this memorial and transmit them to the Postmaster General and to each member of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee.

Presented to the governor March 13, 1992

Signed by the governor March 16, 1992, 2:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION 10—S.F.No. 1778

A resolution memorializing Congress to refrain from imposing upon the states' constitutional authority to regulate traffic and motor vehicle safety within their respective boundaries, and specifically, to refrain from mandating the passage of state laws requiring the use of motorcycle helmets, safety belts, and child restraint systems.

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, part of the original Bill of Rights, reads as follows, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people"; and

WHEREAS, the limits on Congress' authority to regulate state activities prescribed by the Tenth Amendment have gradually been eroded and federal mandates to the states in these protected areas have become almost commonplace; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of traffic and motor vehicle safety laws are constitutionally the province of state, not congressional, authority; and

WHEREAS, a recently proposed federal mandate would reduce the appor-

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