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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor
of Charity Adams Earley.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. BEATTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage
stamp in honor of Charity Adams Earley.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Charity Adams Earley
5 Commemorative Stamp Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Charity Adams Earley was born on Decem-
9 ber 5, 1918, in Kittrell, North Carolina. The oldest

1 of four children, she grew up in a family of educa-
2 tor: her father was a minister and her mother was
3 a former schoolteacher.

4 (2) After graduating high school two years
5 early as valedictorian of her class, Adams chose to
6 attend Wilberforce University, a historically Black
7 school in Ohio, where she majored in mathematics,
8 physics, and latin. During her college tenure, she
9 was a member of the NAACP, the Women's Self-
10 Government Association, and the Delta Sigma Theta
11 Sorority.

12 (3) Adams obtained her bachelor's degree in
13 1938, and taught math and science to junior high
14 school students for the next four years while taking
15 summer classes at the Ohio State University in pur-
16 suit of a master's degree in psychology.

17 (4) In 1942, Adams applied for entry into the
18 U.S. Army's Women's Army Corps (WAC) and re-
19 ported for training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, where
20 she experienced the Army's policies of segregation –
21 white and Black candidates were separated and sent
22 to different living units.

23 (5) Persevering through the Army's segregated
24 environment, Adams became the first Black officer
25 in the WAC and led the 3d Company, 3d Training

1 Regiment, made up of two white platoons and one
2 Black platoon.

3 (6) In 1943, Adams was promoted to Major,
4 making her the highest-ranking female officer at
5 Fort Des Moines and one of the highest-ranking
6 WAC officers in the Nation.

7 (7) In 1944, Adams was given command of the
8 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the “Six
9 Triple Eight”, stationed in Birmingham, England,
10 where she led the first Black WAC unit overseas.

11 (8) Adams’ unit was tasked with organizing
12 and sorting mail for delivery to the soldiers in the
13 European Theatre. Her unit was given six months to
14 clear large backlogs of mail, and the unit completed
15 the job in half of the time.

16 (9) For her service, Adams was promoted to
17 Lieutenant Colonel, the highest possible rank for a
18 soldier in the WAC.

19 (10) After the end of World War II, Adams
20 went on to finish her studies at the Ohio State Uni-
21 versity, completing her master’s degree in vocational
22 psychology.

23 (11) Adams married Stanley A. Earley, Jr. in
24 1949. The couple raised their two children in Day-
25 ton, Ohio.

1 (12) In 1982, Adams Earley became the found-
2 er of the Black Leadership Development Program
3 which focused on teaching young African Americans
4 to be leaders in their communities.

5 (13) On January 13, 2002, at the age of 83,
6 Mrs. Charity Adams Earley passed away in Dayton,
7 Ohio.

8 (14) Adams Earley has been recognized by the
9 National Postal Museum, National Women's History
10 Museum, Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, Smithsonian
11 Institute, the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame,
12 and many others for her dedicated service to the
13 country and work on promoting opportunities for
14 Black Americans.

15 (15) On March 14, 2022, the Congressional
16 Gold Medal was awarded to the 855 members of the
17 WAC assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Direc-
18 tory Battalion, including posthumously to their com-
19 mander, Charity Adams Earley.

20 (16) On April 27, 2023, Fort Lee, Virginia was
21 officially renamed Fort Gregg-Adams in honor of
22 Lieutenant General Arther Gregg and Lieutenant
23 Colonel Charity Adams.

24 (17) On June 12, 2024, the Dayton, Ohio, VA
25 Medical Center officially renamed its women's clinic

1 the “Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams-Earley
2 Women’s Clinic”.

3 **SEC. 3. CHARITY ADAMS EARLEY COMMEMORATIVE POST-**
4 **AGE STAMP.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Postmaster General shall
6 issue a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Charity
7 Adams Earley.

8 (b) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—Such stamp—

9 (1) shall be issued in the denomination used for
10 first class mail up to one ounce in weight;

11 (2) shall bear such designs as the Postmaster
12 General shall determine; and

13 (3) shall be placed on sale as soon as prac-
14 ticable after the date of the enactment of this Act
15 and shall be sold for such period thereafter as the
16 Postmaster General shall determine.