



1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

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1 **Relating to:** requesting the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp commemorating
2 Richard Bong.

3 Whereas, Richard Bong was one of the most illustrious residents of northern
4 Wisconsin, having been born in Superior and educated in Poplar and Superior; and

5 Whereas, Richard Bong was a leading American hero during World War II; and

6 Whereas, he demonstrated his military skill and courage by shooting down 40
7 enemy planes in combat in the Pacific theater of operations; and

8 Whereas, he demonstrated even greater valor and dedication by volunteering
9 for combat while assigned to duty as an instructor, during that time destroying 12
10 of his total of 40 enemy planes; and

11 Whereas, for his intrepid exploits Major Bong received 26 decorations,
12 including the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the
13 Silver Star with clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with clusters, the Air
14 Medal with clusters and the Australian Flying Cross; and

15 Whereas, he died tragically during 1945 in a crash of a new aircraft he was
16 testing; and

