

1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

April 12, 1995 – Introduced by Senators JAUCH, CLAUSING, BURKE, RUDE, PLEWA, COWLES, MOEN, ANDREA and BRESKE, cosponsored by Representatives BOYLE, URBAN, HANSON, MUSSER, HUEBSCH, GRONEMUS, JOHNSRUD, SCHNEIDERS, DOBYNS, HAHN, GROTHMAN, SERATTI, WIRCH and KREUSER. Referred to Special committee on State and Federal Relations.

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

Whereas, Richard Bong was one of the most illustrious residents of northern
Wisconsin, having been born in Superior and educated in Poplar and Superior; and
Whereas, Richard Bong was a leading American hero during World War II; and
Whereas, he demonstrated his military skill and courage by shooting down 40
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

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

15 Whereas, he died tragically during 1945 in a crash of a new aircraft he was16 testing; and

1	Whereas, Richard Bong's service to his country deserves to be remembered and
2	permanently memorialized; now, therefore, be it

- *Resolved by the senate, the Assembly concurring, That* the members of the
 Wisconsin legislature request the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp
 commemorating Richard Bong; and, be it further
- *Resolved, That* the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
 resolution to the Postmaster General.

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