

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 304

Congratulating Charles Simic on being named the 15th Poet Laureate of  
the United States of America by the Library of Congress.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2007

Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. GREGG) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating Charles Simic on being named the 15th Poet  
Laureate of the United States of America by the Library  
of Congress.

Whereas Charles Simic was born in Yugoslavia on May 9,  
1938, and lived through the events of World War II;

Whereas, in 1954, at age 16 Charles Simic immigrated to the  
United States, and moved to Oak Park, Illinois;

Whereas Charles Simic served in the United States Army  
from 1961 to 1963;

Whereas Charles Simic received a bachelor's degree from  
New York University in 1966;

Whereas Charles Simic has been a United States citizen for  
36 years and currently resides in Strafford, New Hamp-  
shire;

Whereas Charles Simic has authored 18 books of poetry;

Whereas Charles Simic is a professor emeritus of creative writing and literature at the University of New Hampshire, where he taught for 34 years before retiring;

Whereas Charles Simic is the 5th person to be named Poet Laureate with ties to New Hampshire, including Robert Frost, Maxine Kumin, Richard Eberhart, and Donald Hall;

Whereas Charles Simic won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1990 for his work “The World Doesn’t End”;

Whereas Charles Simic wrote “Walking the Black Cat” in 1996, which was a finalist for the National Book Award for Poetry;

Whereas Charles Simic won the Griffin Prize in 2005 for “Selected Poems: 1963–2003”;

Whereas Charles Simic held a MacArthur Fellowship from 1984 to 1989 and has held fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts;

Whereas Charles Simic earned the Edgar Allan Poe Award, the PEN Translation Prize, and awards from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the National Institute of Arts and Letters;

Whereas Charles Simic served as Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets;

Whereas Charles Simic received the 2007 Wallace Stevens Award from the American Academy of Poets; and

Whereas on August 2, 2007, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced the appointment of Charles Simic

to be the Library's 15th Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) congratulates Charles Simic for being  
3       named the 15th Poet Laureate of the United States  
4       of America by the Library of Congress; and

5               (2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-  
6       mit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Charles  
7       Simic.

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