

the great American illustrator Felix Octavius Carr (F.O.C.) Darley and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

The United States was less than fifty years old at the time of F.O.C. Darley's birth in 1821, and contemporary writers often lamented the new nation's lack of myths, legends, and historical associations. However, in collaboration with the writers whose works he illustrated, Darley helped to popularize such icons of national identity as the Pilgrim, the Pioneer, the Minutemen, and the Yankee Peddler. In so doing, he helped define the ways in which American readers imagined much of their own past.

Self-taught, Felix Octavius Carr Darley created an immense volume of work over a long career. Beginning as a staff artist with a Philadelphia publisher and then moving to Delaware in 1859, he illustrated on a wide variety of subjects. While in Delaware, Darley illustrated such famous literary works as Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities;" Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter;" Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit From Saint Nicholas;" Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "Rip Van Winkle," and the five-volume "Life of George Washington;" and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Evangeline." Later, in New York, his work was reproduced by numerous book publishers, Harpers Weekly, and other magazines.

So great was Darley's fame during his lifetime that many books were advertised as "illustrated by Darley," as was the case with Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit From Saint Nicholas." Moore's name did not actually appear on the original cover, only Felix Octavius Carr Darley.

Darley was elected a member of the Academy of Design in 1852. Later he became a member of the Artist's fund Society; and, most recently Darley was inducted into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame in 2001. Presently, the Delaware home of Felix Octavius Carr Darley is listed on the National Historic Register and is maintained by members of the Darley Society.

It is for these reasons that we should take the steps necessary to honor the very first in a long line of great American illustrators, Felix Octavius Carr Darley by enacting legislation that will require the Postmaster General to issue a stamp commemorating his great achievements. There is no easier way to show our support for the arts, and for those persons, such as F.O.C. Darley, that have dedicated their lives to brushing just a bit of color into the imaginations of countless Americans. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation and recognize Darley's fine work and contributions to our American heritage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on August 2, 2001, I missed three votes on

HR 2563 due to a family obligation. If I were available, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 330, "aye" on rollcall vote 311, and "nay" on rollcall vote 332.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SISTER CITY PROJECT BETWEEN BLUE ASH, OHIO and ILMENAU, GERMANY

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding Sister City relationship between the City of Blue Ash, Ohio and Ilmenau, Germany.

The first Sister Cities began in 1956 at the behest of former President Eisenhower as a way to strengthen our nation's relations with the international community. The Sister Cities initiative proved to be a great success, and, to this day, it continues to be a success. Presently, more than 2,500 U.S. cities have forged Sister City relationships in over 130 foreign countries.

Blue Ash's relationship with Ilmenau, Germany began last year under Mayor Jim Sumner's direction. Mayor Sumner began this exchange with three primary goals in mind: fostering economic development; nurturing exchange programs between the University of Cincinnati's Raymond Walters College and the Technical University of Ilmenau, and between Sycamore Community Schools and their counterparts in Ilmenau; and to forge other significant social and cultural exchanges that will come from the emerging relationship.

A delegation from Blue Ash first visited Ilmenau in February 2000. In February 2001, at the request of Ilmenau officials, a small delegation of Blue Ash's public safety officials traveled there to share ideas and methods related to police and fire department issues and training. Another delegation of Sycamore High School students also enjoyed their first visit to Ilmenau this year. Recently, in August, a delegation of police and fire officials from Ilmenau visited Blue Ash. And, next month, from October 1 to October 7, Mayor Sumner will lead another delegation to Ilmenau to participate in the Oktoberfest celebration, among other activities.

Mr. Speaker, the Blue Ash-Ilmenau Sister City project has been a great economic, cultural and educational success. All of us in the Cincinnati area wish Mayor Sumner and his delegation the very best on their upcoming visit, and we hope that the relationship between Blue Ash and Ilmenau will continue to prosper.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMES BERNARD HERALD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James Bernard Her-

ald as he celebrates his 90th birthday later this month. James Bernard Herald began his military career in January, 1941 at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, Michigan where he underwent basic training. Following training, Herald's unit went on to become a part of the Army's 5th Division, serving under the command of the then Brigadier General Omar Bradley. Herald was discharged from the Army in August, 1941 as a result of the "under 28 years old" law being put into effect. However, this spell away from the Army was only to be for a short time as, following events in Pearl Harbor, he was recalled on December 10, 1941 to his old outfit. In March, 1942 he was shipped as part of the 5th division to Iceland in order to maintain the operation of supplying allies with goods and equipment. 1943 was spent by Herald and the 5th Division traveling to England and, when English soil became too crowded with troops and tanks, moving onto a base near Belfast, Northern Ireland in September, 1943.

By D-Day, 1944 James B. Herald was a Sergeant and Section Chief of a 155 millimeter Howitzer Cannon and a contingent of 14 men, which landed on Omaha Beach. Sergeant Herald and his men pushed forward to Metz, a fortress city in northeast France where his courage helped him to endure the violent combat, and shrapnel wounds both to the head and the hip. Once Herald had been treated for his wounds he was cited with the "Purple Heart" and sent straight back into action. He went on to be awarded with a "Bronze Star", the medal awarded for "bravery beyond the call of duty" for his heroic actions in Czechoslovakia in May, 1945.

Throughout his career in the Army, Herald was referred to as an exceptional "American Soldier". He marched through Germany, Austria, Italy, France and Belgium, and saw London, Paris, the Rhine, Brenner Pass and the Alps at their worst. He as demobilized in Indian Town Gap, Pennsylvania in August 1945, the year and month that saw the Japanese surrender. Following his demobilization he has continued to contribute greatly to society. He became the Commander of the Walter T. Roach American Legion Post in Hubbardston, which he and Elmer Cunningham kept going out of their own generosity and hard work. Herald held this post over thirty years ago and no one has since forgotten, and he now holds the distinction of oldest past commander. Further distinctions also include Herald's role as an Intelligence Agent in Europe (#1001), a member of the Knights of Columbus for fifty years, a member of the Moose for thirty years and best of all, a member of the Heralds for almost seventy years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating James Bernard Herald as he celebrates his 90th birthday later this year. It is most appropriate at this time that his lifetime achievements and service to his country and community should be recognized and honored.