A RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and achievements of Andrew Wyeth, one of America's best-known 20th century artists.

WHEREAS, Andrew Wyeth was born on July 12, 1917, in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, the fifth child of Carolyn and Newell Converse Wyeth, the great illustrator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyeth's lifespan encompassed World War I, a period that sparked the imagination of the artist as a young boy, to the new millennium; and

WHEREAS, From 1935 through 1949, Mr. Wyeth became an emerging presence in the art world, creating colorful, expressive watercolors of the Maine coast; and

WHEREAS, During the 1950s, Mr. Wyeth focused his attention on the landscape around his homes in Maine and Chadds Ford, where he often painted the Kuerner Farm; and

WHEREAS, By 1968, Mr. Wyeth, recognized as one of America's most famous artists, began to explore the realm of erotic art; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyeth's Helga paintings were famously kept
secret until the mid-1980s, when their revelation created a
national sensation; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1989, Mr. Wyeth's work became
particularly self-reflective and often enigmatic, infused with a
surreal quality; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyeth painted many of his most important works
in his Chadds Ford studio, which served as his principal
Pennsylvania workplace from 1940 through 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Andrew Wyeth Studio is a National Historic
Landmark and a member site of the Historic Artists' Homes and
 Studios program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, The Brandywine River Museum of Art, referred to as
the Andrew Wyeth Museum, is home to Mr. Wyeth's studio and the
Kuerner Farm, a major source of inspiration throughout his
career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyeth created thousands of paintings and
drawings at Chadds Ford, inspired by its people, architecture
and landscapes; and

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2017, the Brandywine River Museum of Art
opened "Andrew Wyeth: In Retrospect," the first career
retrospective of the artist since his death in 2009; and

WHEREAS, "Andrew Wyeth: In Retrospect" commemorates the
centennial of Mr. Wyeth's birth and provides the most in-depth
exhibition of his paintings and drawings to date; and

WHEREAS, On July 12, 2017, in Chadds Ford, the United States
Postal Service is issuing Andrew Wyeth stamps, 12 designs slated
for nationwide sale to mark the centennial of Mr. Wyeth's birth;
therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and achievements of
Andrew Wyeth, one of America's best-known 20th century artists;
and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
the Brandywine River Museum of Art, 1 Hoffman's Mill Road,
Chadds Ford PA 19317.