



Republican National Committee

Counsel's Office

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE FIRST BLACK CONGRESSMEN

WHEREAS, The United States of America was established as a constitutional republic to reflect its citizenry;

WHEREAS, The Republican Party was founded in 1854 in opposition to this cruel institution as the anti-slavery party;

WHEREAS, The first generation of African American members of the United States Congress: Representative Robert B. Elliott of South Carolina, Representative Robert C. De Large of South Carolina, Senator Hiram R. Revels of Mississippi, Representative Benjamin S. Turner of Alabama, Representative Jefferson F. Long of Georgia, Representative Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina, and Representative Josiah T. Walls of Florida—supported the aims of and were members of the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service has established a Black Heritage stamp series to recognize those persons whose record of service has strengthened this nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee, through this resolution to its leadership, the executive branch of government, the legislative branch of government and the United States Postal Service recommends that these distinguished African American members of Congress be recognized with a stamp during African American History Month in February 2017 or as next soon practicable;

RESOLVED, That the portrait of these gentlemen, retrievable from the Library of Congress serve as the model for said stamp; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the incumbent members of Congress from the states electing these men, as well as the Republican Party leadership, be invited to participate in this unveiling with the Republican Party housing such in its headquarters.