

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3457

To direct the Postmaster General to issue a forever stamp honoring the 1969 New York Mets on the 50th Anniversary of their World Series victory.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2019

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. ENGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “1969 New York Mets
5 Stamp Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The New York Mets, having proudly rep-
9 resented the State of New York in professional base-

1 ball since 1962, won their first World Series title in
2 1969.

3 (2) The 1969 New York Mets overcame a stum-
4 bling 7 years since their creation to win 100 games.

5 (3) The 1969 New York Mets bested the Chi-
6 cago Cubs led by 3 future Hall-of-Famers to win the
7 Eastern Division.

8 (4) The 1969 New York Mets somehow swept
9 an Atlanta Braves team led by Hammerin' Hank
10 Aaron to win their first National League Champion-
11 ship.

12 (5) The 1969 New York Mets masterfully man-
13 aged to defeat the intimidating American League
14 Champion Baltimore Orioles, led by the fearsome
15 Robinson duo of Frank and Brooks, in 5 games.

16 (6) The 1969 New York Mets' victory was so
17 unexpected they came to be nicknamed the "Miracle
18 Mets".

19 (7) A country struggling through the Vietnam
20 War was given optimism by the characters that were
21 the 1969 New York Mets, whose success provided
22 New York City with a much needed opportunity to
23 celebrate.

24 (8) Ex-Marines Tom "The Franchise" Seaver
25 and Gil Hodges steered the team through thick and

1 thin to bring a championship to a city in desperate
2 need.

3 (9) The slugging of the likes of Ed Kranepool,
4 Art Shamsky, Ron Swoboda, Cleon Jones, and Donn
5 Clendenon led the unrivaled offense of the 1969 New
6 York Mets.

7 (10) The arms of the likes of Tom “The Fran-
8 chise” Seaver, Jerry Koosman, Nolan Ryan, Jim
9 McAndrew, Tug McGraw, and Gary Gentry worked
10 to overpower hitters for the 1969 New York Mets.

11 (11) The leadership of Gil Hodges of the 1969
12 New York Mets will forever be unrivaled in Major
13 League Baseball history.

14 (12) 50 years later the effect of the 1969 New
15 York Mets on the city of New York, the State of
16 New York, and the entire country has not been for-
17 gotten.

18 (13) The 1969 New York Mets continue to
19 serve as a reminder of why baseball will forever be
20 America’s pastime.

21 **SEC. 3. 1969 NEW YORK METS STAMP.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to honor the 1969 New
23 York Mets upon the 50th anniversary of their World Se-
24 ries victory, the Postmaster General shall provide for the

1 issuance of a forever stamp suitable for that purpose that
2 depicts the 1969 New York Mets.

3 (b) DEFINITION OF DEFINITIVE STAMP.—For the
4 purposes of this Act, the term “forever stamp” means a
5 definitive stamp that—

6 (1) meets the postage required for first-class
7 mail up to one ounce in weight; and

8 (2) retains full validity for that purpose even if
9 the rate of that postage is later increased.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The stamp described in sub-
11 section (a) shall be issued as soon as practicable after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

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