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H. R. 5421

To provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of William Lacy Clay Sr., and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Mr. BELL (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. GRAVES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government 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 “William Lacy Clay Sr.
5 Memorial Stamp Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) William Lacy Clay, Sr. was born on April
9 30, 1931, in St. Louis, Missouri, and rose from

1 humble beginnings to become a respected national
2 leader.

3 (2) Congressman Clay Sr. served honorably in
4 the United States Army and later represented Mis-
5 souri's 1st Congressional District in the United
6 States House of Representatives for 32 years, from
7 1969 to 2001.

8 (3) Congressman Clay Sr. was a founding mem-
9 ber of the Congressional Black Caucus and worked
10 tirelessly to expand political representation, oppor-
11 tunity, and equality for African Americans and other
12 marginalized communities.

13 (4) Throughout his career, Congressman Clay
14 Sr. championed landmark legislation advancing civil
15 rights, voting rights, fair labor standards, equal op-
16 portunity in Federal employment, and environmental
17 justice.

18 (5) Congressman Clay Sr. sponsored, co-spon-
19 sored, or managed nearly 300 bills that became law,
20 benefiting women, minorities, veterans, working fam-
21 ilies, the disabled, and union workers, a legislative
22 record that remains one of the most impactful in
23 modern congressional history.

24 (6) As a senior member of the Committee on
25 Education and Labor, Congressman Clay Sr. played

1 a leading role in the passage of the Family and
2 Medical Leave Act, ensuring millions of Americans
3 access to job-protected leave for family and medical
4 needs.

5 (7) As Chair of the Subcommittee on Post Of-
6 fice and Civil Service, Congressman Clay Sr. secured
7 significant reforms to the Hatch Act, guaranteeing
8 Federal employees and postal workers the right to
9 participate fully in the democratic process.

10 (8) Congressman Clay Sr. authored *Just Per-*
11 *manent Interests*, a memoir that provides a candid
12 and inspiring account of his lifelong dedication to
13 justice, equity, and public service.

14 (9) Congressman Clay Sr.'s decades of public
15 service left an indelible mark on the legislative land-
16 scape of the United States, and his legacy continues
17 to inspire new generations of leaders.

18 (10) The life and service of Congressman Wil-
19 liam Lacy Clay, Sr., represent the highest ideals of
20 American democracy, public service, and persever-
21 ance.

22 **SEC. 3. WILLIAM LACY CLAY SR. MEMORIAL STAMP.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Postmaster General shall
24 issue a commemorative postage stamp in honor of William
25 Lacy Clay Sr.

1 (b) APPLICATION.—The commemorative postage
2 stamp issued under this Act shall be—

3 (1) issued in the denomination used for first
4 class mail up to 1 ounce in weight and shall bear
5 such designs as the Postmaster General shall deter-
6 mine; and

7 (2) placed on sale as soon as practicable after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act and shall be
9 sold for such period thereafter as the Postmaster
10 General shall determine.

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