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H. R. 3633

To provide for dime coins to bear the likeness of President Ronald Reagan, the Freedom President, in honor of his work in restoring American greatness and bringing freedom to captive nations around the world.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2003

Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. DeLAY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. COX, Mr. DREIER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. DeMINT, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. DUNN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CRANE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. CARTER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. LINDER, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. POMBO, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. AKIN, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. BUYER, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. PENCE, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WELLER, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. PITTS, Mr. HERGER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. TERRY, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. McKEON, Mr. OSE, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. WAMP, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. FORBES, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ISSA, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. OTTER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, and Mr. SHIMKUS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Ronald Reagan Dime
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) President Ronald Wilson Reagan, through
9 his efforts as the 40th President of the United
10 States, created policies that renewed economic
11 growth, strengthened the resolve of the free world
12 together to oppose totalitarianism, and restored
13 pride in the United States.

14 (2) In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugu-
15 rated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation
16 wracked by rampant inflation and high unemploy-
17 ment.

18 (3) The policies of President Reagan brought
19 about the beginnings of an economic boom that
20 lasted almost unimpeded through the end of the
21 20th century.

22 (4) President Reagan was victorious in 49 of
23 the 50 states in the 1984 general election, a record

1 unsurpassed in the history of United States presi-
2 dential elections.

3 (5) President Reagan, through his simple re-
4 publican dignity and sense of personal responsibility
5 to the United States of America, brought pride and
6 honor to the Office of the President.

7 (6) President Reagan worked in a bipartisan
8 manner to enact his agenda of restoring account-
9 ability and common sense to government, which led
10 to an unprecedented economic expansion and oppor-
11 tunity for millions of Americans.

12 (7) President Reagan's commitment to an ac-
13 tive social policy agenda for the nation's children
14 helped lower crime in our neighborhoods.

15 (8) President Reagan led a national crusade
16 against illegal narcotics, which resulted in a substan-
17 tial decline in illegal drug use in the United States
18 during his eight years in office.

19 (9) President Reagan wrote "Abortion and the
20 Conscience of a Nation" for the 10th Anniversary of
21 Roe v. Wade, which stated "Abraham Lincoln recog-
22 nized that we could not survive as a free land when
23 some men could decide that others were not fit to
24 be free and should therefore be slaves. Likewise, we
25 cannot survive as a free nation when some men de-

1 cide that others are not fit to live and should be
2 abandoned to abortion or infanticide . . . there is no
3 cause more important for preserving that freedom
4 than affirming the transcendent right to life of all
5 human beings, the right without which no other
6 rights have any meaning”.

7 (10) President Reagan’s commitment to our
8 armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride
9 in America, her principles of ordered liberty, and the
10 heritage of Western Civilization.

11 (11) President Reagan’s unshakeable commit-
12 ment to freedom strengthened America’s mission to
13 proclaim liberty throughout the world and led to the
14 collapse of global Communism, the fall of the Iron
15 Curtain, and the toppling of the Berlin Wall, giving
16 millions of people across the globe formerly shackled
17 by the Soviets opportunity to live in peace and free-
18 dom.

19 (12) President Reagan marked the beginning of
20 his Presidency by recalling with shame “the series of
21 historical tragedies—beginning with the broken
22 promises of the Yalta Conference—that led to the
23 denial of the most elementary forms of personal
24 freedom and human dignity to millions in Eastern
25 Europe and Asia”.

1 (13) President Reagan brought courage to
2 those people cut off from others who lived in free-
3 dom, reminding them that “Until the people of the
4 Baltic States and Eastern Europe are free to choose
5 their own system of government, we will continue to
6 speak up for their rights and champion their cause”.

7 (14) President Reagan called the world’s atten-
8 tion to the plight of captive nations tyrannized be-
9 hind the Iron Curtain, from Stettin in the Baltic to
10 Trieste in the Adriatic, which included millions of
11 Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Poles, Germans,
12 Czechs, Slovaks, Romanians, Bulgarians, Albanians,
13 Croats, Serbs, Bosnians, and others, reminding us
14 that “Free people, if they are to remain free, must
15 defend the liberty of others”.

16 (15) President Reagan made a promise to “all
17 in Eastern Europe who are separated from neigh-
18 bors and loved ones by an ugly Iron Curtain. And
19 to every person trapped in tyranny, whether in the
20 Ukraine, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Cuba or Viet-
21 nam, we send our love and support, and tell them
22 they are not alone. Your struggle is our struggle,
23 your dream is our dream, and someday, you, too,
24 will be free”.

1 (16) President Reagan boldly stood at the
2 Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin, on June 12,
3 1987, declaring: “General Secretary Gorbachev, if
4 you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet
5 Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberaliza-
6 tion: Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open
7 this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!”.

8 (17) President Reagan’s vision of “peace
9 through strength” brought the United States victory
10 in the Cold War and freed millions of people from
11 Soviet tyranny.

12 (18) President Reagan once summarized the
13 mission of his administration as “Being free and
14 prosperous in a world at peace. That’s our ultimate
15 goal.”.

16 (19) President Reagan reminded his country-
17 men of our calling in world history: “I don’t believe
18 the people I’ve met in almost every State of this
19 Union are ready to consign this, the last island of
20 freedom, to the dust bin of history, along with the
21 bones of dead civilizations of the past. Call it mys-
22 ticism, if you will, but I believe God had a divine
23 purpose in placing this land between the two great
24 oceans to be found by those who had a special love
25 of freedom and the courage to leave the countries of

1 their birth. From our forefathers to our modern-day
2 immigrants, we've come from every corner of the
3 earth, from every race and every ethnic background,
4 and we've become a new breed in the world. We're
5 Americans and we have a rendezvous with destiny.”.

6 **SEC. 3. OBVERSE OF DIME COIN TO BEAR LIKENESS OF**
7 **RONALD REAGAN.**

8 Section 5112(d)(1) of title 31, United States Code,
9 is amended by inserting after the 4th sentence the fol-
10 lowing new sentence: “Dime coins issued after such date
11 as the Secretary determines to be appropriate shall bear
12 the likeness of President Ronald Reagan, the Freedom
13 President, in honor of his work in restoring American
14 greatness and bringing freedom to captive nations around
15 the world.”.

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