

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2245

AN ACT

To authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission’s command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

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 “New Frontier Congres-
5 sional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) as spacecraft commander for Apollo 11, the
9 first manned lunar landing mission, Neil A. Arm-
10 strong gained the distinction of being the first man
11 to land a craft on the moon and first to step on its
12 surface on July 21, 1969;

13 (2) by conquering the moon at great personal
14 risk to safety, Neil Armstrong advanced America sci-
15 entifically and technologically, paving the way for fu-
16 ture missions to other regions in space;

17 (3) Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., joined Arm-
18 strong in piloting the lunar module, Eagle, to the
19 surface of the moon, and became the second person
20 to walk upon its surface;

21 (4) Michael Collins piloted the command mod-
22 ule, Columbia, in lunar orbit and helped his fellow
23 Apollo 11 astronauts complete their mission on the
24 moon;

1 (5) John Herschel Glenn, Jr., helped pave the
2 way for the first lunar landing when on February
3 20, 1962, he became the first American to orbit the
4 Earth; and

5 (6) John Glenn's actions, like Armstrong's,
6 Aldrin's and Collins's, continue to greatly inspire the
7 people of the United States.

8 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

9 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
10 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Neil
11 A. Armstrong, Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., Michael Col-
12 lins, and John Herschel Glenn, Jr., each a gold medal of
13 appropriate design, in recognition of their significant con-
14 tributions to society.

15 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
16 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
17 of the Treasury shall strike gold medals with suitable em-
18 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
19 Secretary.

20 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

21 The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell
22 duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant
23 to section 3 under such regulations as the Secretary may
24 prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof,

1 including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and
2 overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medals.

3 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

4 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
5 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
6 States Code.

7 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
8 **SALE.**

9 (a) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.**—There is
10 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
11 Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as may be nec-
12 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
13 to this Act.

14 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the
15 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
16 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
17 Enterprise Fund.

Passed the House of Representatives July 20, 2009.

Attest:

Clerk.

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