

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3421

AN ACT

To award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fallen Heroes of 9/
3 11 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the tragic deaths at the World Trade Cen-
7 ter, at the Pentagon, and in rural Pennsylvania on
8 September 11, 2001, have forever changed our Na-
9 tion;

10 (2) the officers, emergency workers, and other
11 employees of State and local government agencies,
12 including the Port Authority of New York and New
13 Jersey, and of the United States government and
14 others, who responded to the attacks on the World
15 Trade Center in New York City and perished as a
16 result of the tragic events of September 11, 2001
17 (including those who are missing and presumed
18 dead), took heroic and noble action on that day;

19 (3) the officers, emergency rescue workers, and
20 employees of local and United States government
21 agencies, who responded to the attack on the Pen-
22 tagon in Washington, DC, took heroic and noble ac-
23 tion to evacuate the premises and prevent further
24 casualties of Pentagon employees;

25 (4) the passengers and crew of United Airlines
26 Flight 93, recognizing the imminent danger that the

1 aircraft that they were aboard posed to large num-
2 bers of innocent men, women and children, Amer-
3 ican institutions, and the symbols of American de-
4 mocracy, took heroic and noble action to ensure that
5 the aircraft could not be used as a weapon; and

6 (5) given the unprecedented nature of the at-
7 tacks against the United States of America and the
8 need to properly demonstrate the support of the
9 country for those who lost their lives to terrorism,
10 it is fitting that their sacrifice be recognized with
11 the award of an appropriate medal.

12 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

13 (a) AWARD.—

14 (1) AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the House
15 of Representatives and the President pro tempore of
16 the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for
17 the award, on behalf of Congress, of 3 gold medals
18 of appropriate design in honor of the men and
19 women who perished as a result of the terrorist at-
20 tacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

21 (2) DISPLAY.—Following the award of the gold
22 medals referred to in paragraph (1), one gold medal
23 shall be given to each of—

24 (A) the Flight 93 National Memorial in
25 Pennsylvania,

1 (B) the National September 11 Memorial
2 and Museum in New York, and

3 (C) the Pentagon Memorial at the Pen-
4 tagon,

5 with the understanding that each medal is to be put
6 on permanent, appropriate display.

7 (3) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes
8 of the awards referred to in paragraph (1), the Sec-
9 retary of the Treasury shall strike 3 designs of the
10 gold medals with suitable emblems, devices, and in-
11 scriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

12 (b) DUPLICATE MEDALS.—Under such regulations
13 as the Secretary may prescribe, the Secretary may strike
14 and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medals struck
15 under this Act, at a price sufficient to cover the costs of
16 the medals, including labor, materials, dyes, use of ma-
17 chinery, and overhead expenses.

18 (c) NATIONAL MEDALS.—Medals struck pursuant to
19 this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51
20 of title 31, United States Code.

21 (d) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from
22 the sale of duplicate bronze medals under subsection (b)

1 shall be deposited in the United States Mint Public Enter-
2 prise Fund.

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2011.

Attest:

Clerk.

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