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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER 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 “Fallen Heroes of 9/
5 11 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the tragic deaths at the World Trade Cen-
9 ter, at the Pentagon, and in rural Pennsylvania on

1 September 11, 2001, have forever changed our Na-
2 tion;

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

12 (3) the officers, emergency rescue workers, and
13 employees of local and United States government
14 agencies, who responded to the attack on the Pen-
15 tagon in Washington, DC, took heroic and noble ac-
16 tion to evacuate the premises and prevent further
17 casualties of Pentagon employees;

18 (4) the passengers and crew of United Airlines
19 Flight 93, recognizing the imminent danger that the
20 aircraft that they were aboard posed to large num-
21 bers of innocent men, women and children, Amer-
22 ican institutions, and the symbols of American de-
23 mocracy, took heroic and noble action to ensure that
24 the aircraft could not be used as a weapon; and

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

7 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

8 (a) AWARD.—

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

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

19 (A) the Flight 93 National Memorial in
20 Pennsylvania,

21 (B) the National September 11 Memorial
22 and Museum in New York, and

23 (C) the Pentagon Memorial at the Pen-
24 tagon,

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

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

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

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

17 (d) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from
18 the sale of duplicate bronze medals under subsection (b)
19 shall be deposited in the United States Mint Public Enter-
20 prise Fund.

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