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To award four congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police
and those who protect the U.S. Capitol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. CLOUD, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. BABIN, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. GAETZ, and Mr. PERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To award four congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and those who protect the U.S. Capitol.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The United States Capitol Police (“Capitol
6 Police”) are essential to the protection of the U.S.

1 Capitol, and each person who works in or visits the
2 complex depends on them for their safety.

3 (2) In their dedication to provide this essential
4 safety to the U.S. Capitol, numerous Capitol Police
5 and other law enforcement have even paid with their
6 lives while in the line of duty.

7 (3) Those who have paid with their lives in the
8 line of duty include Sergeant Christopher S. Eney in
9 1984; Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John
10 M. Gibson in 1998; and Sergeant Clinton J. Holtz
11 in 2014.

12 (4) Most recently, we mourn the losses of Cap-
13 itol Police Officers Brian Sicknick and Howard
14 Liebengood, and Metropolitan Police Department
15 Officer Jeffrey Smith, who all passed in January
16 2021. We also mourn the loss of Officer William
17 “Billy” Evans, who was killed on April 2, 2021,
18 while protecting the North Barricade of the Capitol.
19 Officer Kenneth Shaver was also injured in that as-
20 sult.

21 (5) The sacrifices made by each of these men
22 are never forgotten in the U.S. Congress and by the
23 many individuals who benefitted from their service.

24 (6) The service and sacrifices of the Capitol Po-
25 lice should be recognized and honored.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZATION.—The Speaker
3 of the House of Representatives and the President pro
4 tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrange-
5 ments for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of
6 four gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and
7 those who protect the U.S. Capitol.

8 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
9 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
10 Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
11 retary”) shall strike gold medals with the official emblem
12 of the United States Capitol Police.

13 (c) DISPOSITION OF MEDALS.—Following the award
14 of the gold medals under subsection (a):

15 (1) USCP HEADQUARTERS.—One gold medal
16 shall be given to the United States Capitol Police, so
17 that the medal may be displayed at the headquarters
18 of the United States Capitol Police and made avail-
19 able for research, as appropriate.

20 (2) DC METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
21 HEADQUARTERS.—One gold medal shall be given to
22 the Metropolitan Police Department of the District
23 of Columbia, so that the medal may be displayed at
24 the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Depart-
25 ment and made available for research, as appro-
26 priate.

1 (3) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—One gold medal shall
3 be given to the Smithsonian Institution, where
4 it shall be available for display as appropriate
5 and available for research.

6 (B) PLAQUE.—In displaying the gold
7 medal given under subparagraph (A), the
8 Smithsonian Institution shall display the medal
9 with a plaque that lists the other law enforce-
10 ment agencies that participate in protecting the
11 U.S. Capitol.

12 (C) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the
13 sense of the Congress that the Smithsonian In-
14 stitution should make the gold medal given
15 under subparagraph (A) available for display
16 elsewhere, particularly at appropriate locations
17 associated with the protection of the U.S. Cap-
18 itol.

19 (4) UNITED STATES CAPITOL.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—One gold medal shall
21 be given to the Architect of the Capitol, for dis-
22 play in a prominent location in the United
23 States Capitol as appropriate and available for
24 research.

1 (B) PLAQUE.—In displaying the gold
2 medal given under subparagraph (A), the Ar-
3 chitect of the Capitol shall display the medal
4 with a plaque that lists the other law enforce-
5 ment agencies that participate in protecting the
6 United States Capitol.

7 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

8 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
9 bronze of the gold medals struck pursuant to section 2
10 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
11 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
12 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

13 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of the Congress that the United States
15 Mint should expedite production of the gold medals and
16 duplicate medals under this Act, so that the sacrifices of
17 fallen officers and their families, and the contributions of
18 other law enforcement agencies who answer the call of
19 duty, can be recognized and honored in a timely and ongo-
20 ing manner.

21 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

22 Medals struck pursuant to this Act are national med-
23 als for the purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
24 States Code.

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