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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2025

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BICE, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. RULLI, Mr. PALMER, Mr. STANTON, Mr. MANN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. LATTA, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mrs. FISCHBACH, and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “Miracle on Ice Con-  
 5        gressional Gold Medal Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds the following:

8                (1) The USA Olympic men’s ice hockey team  
 9                competed at the 1980 Winter Olympics, officially the  
 10                XIII Olympic Winter Games and known as the 1980

1 Lake Placid games, from February 13 to 24, 1980,  
2 in Lake Placid, New York.

3 (2) Team USA, comprised of collegiate players,  
4 defeated the defending Olympic champion the Soviet  
5 Union 4–3 on February 22, 1980, in the final round  
6 of the 1980 Winter Olympics men’s hockey tour-  
7 nament.

8 (3) The 1980 USA Olympic men’s hockey team  
9 roster included—

- 10 (A) Bill Baker (Grand Rapids, MN);
- 11 (B) Neal Broten (Roseau, MN);
- 12 (C) Dave Christian (Warroad, MN);
- 13 (D) Steve Christoff (Richfield, MN);
- 14 (E) Jim Craig (North Easton, MA);
- 15 (F) Mike Eruzione (Winthrop, MA);
- 16 (G) John Harrington (Virginia, MN);
- 17 (H) Steve Janaszak (Saint Paul, MN);
- 18 (I) Mark Johnson (Madison, WI);
- 19 (J) Rob McClanahan (Saint Paul, MN);
- 20 (K) Ken Morrow (Flint, MI);
- 21 (L) Jack O’Callahan (Charlestown, MA);
- 22 (M) Mark Pavelich (Eveleth, MN);
- 23 (N) Mike Ramsey (Minneapolis, MN);
- 24 (O) Buzz Schneider (Grand Rapids, MN);
- 25 (P) Dave Silk (Scituate, MA);

- 1 (Q) Eric Strobel (Rochester, MN);  
2 (R) Bob Suter (Madison, WI);  
3 (S) Mark Wells (St. Clair Shores, MI); and  
4 (T) Phil Verchota (Duluth, MN).

5 (4) The “Miracle on Ice” USA-Soviet Union  
6 final round game aired on tape delay on February  
7 22, 1980, from the Lake Placid Games and drew  
8 34,200,000 average viewers. The match is remem-  
9 bered as a “miracle” as collegiate hockey players de-  
10 fied expectations in defeating a Soviet team that  
11 won 4 consecutive gold medals dating back to 1964.

12 (5) Team USA defeated Finland 4–1 in its  
13 final game to win the gold medal, its first gold  
14 medal since 1960 in men’s hockey.

15 (6) Herb Brooks, the last player cut from the  
16 1960 U.S. Olympic team that won gold at Squaw  
17 Valley, guided the 1980 team to its historic gold  
18 medal. Known as a motivator, Brooks molded a  
19 team built around hard work, belief in oneself and  
20 belief in teammates. He reminded his team when  
21 they played the Soviets, “you were born to be hockey  
22 players, everyone one of you . . . and you were  
23 meant to be here”.

24 (7) The tournament occurred at a time when  
25 the United States was struggling with rampant stag-

1       flation, high gas prices, hostages held in Iran, and  
2       increased tensions with the Soviet Union whose inva-  
3       sion of Afghanistan led to the boycott of the 1980  
4       Summer Olympics.

5           (8) The Miracle on Ice was a turning point for  
6       American hockey. The game was named the greatest  
7       sports moment of the 20th century by Sports Illus-  
8       trated.

9           (9) The historic win brought hockey to the  
10      front-page of newspapers everywhere, and forever  
11      opened the door to the National Hockey League for  
12      American-born players. The impact of the event was  
13      far-reaching and is still being felt today.

14          (10) Since 1980 American interest in the sport  
15      of hockey has increased exponentially. Registrations  
16      with USA Hockey have increased by nearly 400 per-  
17      cent since 1980 from 136,000 to over 564,000, and  
18      the number of National Hockey League players from  
19      the United States has increased from 72 in 1980 to  
20      245 in 2024.

21   **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

22          (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the  
23      House of Representatives and the President pro tempore  
24      of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the  
25      presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of 3 gold medals

1 of appropriate design to the members of the 1980 U.S.  
2 Olympic Men’s Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their  
3 extraordinary achievement at the 1980 Olympic Winter  
4 Games where, being comprised of amateur collegiate play-  
5 ers, they defeated the dominant Soviet hockey team in the  
6 historic “Miracle on Ice”, revitalizing American morale at  
7 the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations and  
8 transforming the sport of hockey in the United States.

9 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the  
10 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the  
11 Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall  
12 strike gold medals with suitable emblems, devices, and in-  
13 scriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

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

16 (1) one gold medal shall be given to the Lake  
17 Placid Olympic Center in Lake Placid, NY, where it  
18 shall be displayed as appropriate and made available  
19 for research;

20 (2) one gold medal shall be given to the United  
21 States Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, MN, where  
22 it shall be displayed as appropriate and made avail-  
23 able for research; and

24 (3) one gold medal shall be given to the U.S.  
25 Olympic and Paralympic Museum in Colorado

1        Springs, CO, where it shall be displayed as appro-  
2        priate and made available for research.

3    **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

4        The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
5        bronze of the gold medals struck under section 3, at a  
6        price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, including labor,  
7        materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

8    **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

9        (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck under  
10       this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51  
11       of title 31, United States Code.

12       (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
13       5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals  
14       struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic  
15       items.

16    **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**  
17       **SALE.**

18       (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is  
19       authorized to be charged against the United States Mint  
20       Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-  
21       essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant  
22       to this Act.

23       (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—The amounts received  
24       from the sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under

- 1 section 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint
- 2 Public Enterprise Fund.

