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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. LaLOTA, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. RYAN, and Ms. TENNEY) 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 “Welles Remy Crowther
5 Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Welles Remy Crowther grew up in Upper
2 Nyack, New York, where he served his community
3 as a volunteer firefighter.

4 (2) After graduating from Boston College, he
5 returned to New York to begin working as an equi-
6 ties trader at the World Trade Center.

7 (3) The events of September 11, 2001, have
8 forever changed our Nation.

9 (4) In New York City, in the skies over Penn-
10 sylvania, at the Pentagon and in surrounding areas
11 everyday Americans responded to the unprecedented
12 tragedy around them with extraordinary acts of her-
13 oism and sacrifice.

14 (5) When Flight 175 hit the World Trade Cen-
15 ter's South Tower on the morning of September 11,
16 Welles acted with remarkable calm and compassion
17 that was starkly remembered by all those he encoun-
18 tered that morning.

19 (6) Welles found other survivors on the 78th
20 floor Sky Lobby and helped lead them to safety, car-
21 rying an injured woman down the stairs on his back.
22 Donning his red bandanna to help with the smoke,
23 he repeatedly returned to the Sky Lobby to help res-
24 cue others.

1 (7) When Welles arrived at ground level, he
2 stayed to join firefighters in attempting to fight
3 fires, administer first aid, and return to save others,
4 until his eventual death when the tower collapsed.

5 (8) Through survivors accounts of a “Man in
6 the Red Bandanna”, Welles mother, Alison, began to
7 piece together what had happened and identified him
8 with those he had aided.

9 (9) The red bandanna has become a symbol of
10 his heroic efforts and an inspiration to so many who
11 have been touched by Welles story.

12 (10) In the face of tragedy, Welles Remy
13 Crowther demonstrated exceptional bravery, leader-
14 ship, heroism, and sacrifice.

15 (11) As the “Man in Red Bandanna”, he has
16 been enshrined in the history and hearts of America
17 as an embodiment of the virtues we all are called to
18 emulate as individuals and as a Nation.

19 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

20 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
21 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
22 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
23 for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of Congress,
24 of a gold medal of appropriate design in commemoration
25 to Welles Remy Crowther, in recognition of his bravery,

1 heroism, and sacrifice in the face of one of the gravest
2 tragedies in American history.

3 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
4 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
5 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
6 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
7 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Sec-
8 retary. The design shall bear an image of, and inscription
9 of the name of, Welles Remy Crowther.

10 (c) DISPOSITION OF MEDAL.—Following the presen-
11 tation described in subsection (a), the gold medal shall be
12 given to the mother of Welles Remy Crowther, Alison
13 Crowther.

14 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

15 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
16 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3 at
17 a price sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, includ-
18 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead
19 expenses.

20 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

21 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
22 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
23 51 of title 31, United States Code.

24 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
25 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals

1 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
2 items.

3 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
4 **SALE.**

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

10 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the
11 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under this Act
12 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public En-
13 terprise Fund.

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