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To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Nick Shirley, in recognition of exemplary investigative journalism that uncovered waste, fraud, and abuse perpetrated against American taxpayers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRANE 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 “Nick Shirley Congres-
5 sional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) On December 26, 2025, Nick Shirley posted
2 a 42-minute investigative post on X uncovering mass
3 fraud in the Minnesota Somali population against
4 U.S. taxpayers. Nick Shirley stated on X: “Here is
5 the full 42 minutes of my crew and I exposing Min-
6 nesota fraud, this might be my most important work
7 yet. We uncovered over \$110,000,000 in ONE day.
8 Like it and share it around like wildfire! Its time to
9 hold these corrupt politicians and fraudsters ac-
10 countable We ALL work way too hard and pay too
11 much in taxes for this to be happening, the fraud
12 must be stopped.”.

13 (2) Due to exemplary investigative journalism
14 performed by Nick Shirley, Federal funding to
15 fraudulent businesses in Minnesota has been halted
16 by President Trump.

17 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

18 It is the sense of Congress that Nick Shirley showed
19 bravery, integrity, and dedication to the principles of the
20 U.S. Constitution during the uncovering of historic levels
21 of fraud, waste, and abuse under Governor Tim Walz and
22 therefore deserves the Congressional Gold Medal.

23 **SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

24 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
25 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-

1 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
2 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
3 medal of appropriate design to Nick Shirley, in recognition
4 of exemplary investigative journalism that uncovered
5 waste, fraud, and abuse perpetrated against American tax-
6 payers.

7 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
8 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
9 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
10 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
11 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
12 retary.

13 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-
14 gress that the United States Mint should expedite produc-
15 tion of the gold medal under this Act, so that the heroic
16 and protective actions of Daniel Penny on May 1, 2023,
17 in New York can be recognized and honored in a timely
18 manner.

19 **SEC. 5. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

20 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
21 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 4, at
22 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
23 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

1 **SEC. 6. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

2 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
3 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
4 51 of title 31, United States Code.

5 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
6 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
7 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
8 items.

9 **SEC. 7. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
10 **SALE.**

11 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
12 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
13 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
14 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck under
15 this Act.

16 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
17 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
18 5 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
19 Enterprise Fund.

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