

Public Law 100-437  
100th Congress

An Act

To award a congressional medal to Mrs. Jesse Owens, and for other purposes.

Sept. 20, 1988  
[H.R. 1270]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

31 USC 5111  
note.

(a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—The President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Mrs. Jesse Owens a gold medal of appropriate design, in recognition of the late Jesse Owens' athletic achievements and humanitarian contributions to public service, civil rights, and international goodwill.

(b) **DESIGN AND STRIKING.**—For purposes of the presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**—There are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$20,000 to carry out this section.

SEC. 2. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

31 USC 5111  
note.

(a) **STRIKING AND SALE.**—The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 1 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

(b) **REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.**—The appropriation used to carry out section 1 shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of sales under subsection (a).

SEC. 3. NATIONAL MEDALS.

31 USC 5111  
note.

The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

SEC. 4. YOUNG ASTRONAUT PROGRAM MEDAL ACT AMENDMENTS.

Section 2 of the Young Astronaut Program Medal Act (31 U.S.C. 5111 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, including medals in uncirculated or proof condition,” after “750,000 medals”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking out “December 31, 1988” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1989”.

Approved September 20, 1988.

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