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[CHAPTER 763]

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces to commemorate the life and perpetuate the ideals and teachings of Booker T. Washington.

August 7, 1946
[H. R. 6528]
[Public Law 610]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to commemorate the life and perpetuate the ideals and teachings of Booker T. Washington, a great American, there shall be coined by the Director of the Mint not to exceed five million silver 50-cent pieces of standard size, weight, and fineness and of a special appropriate design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury; but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the models for master dies or other preparations for this coinage.

Booker T. Washington.
Commemorative coinage.

Expense of preparations.

SEC. 2. The coins herein authorized shall be issued at par, and only upon the request of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial established at his birthplace in Franklin County, Virginia.

Issuance.

SEC. 3. Such coins may be disposed of at par or at a premium by banks or trust companies selected by the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial of Franklin County, Virginia, and all proceeds therefrom shall be used to purchase, construct, and maintain suitable memorials to the memory of Booker T. Washington, deceased, as may be decided upon by the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial of Virginia.

Disposal.

Use of proceeds to purchase memorials, etc.

SEC. 4. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same; regulating and guarding the process of coinage; providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins; for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting; for security of the coin; or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein directed.

Applicability of coinage laws.

SEC. 5. The coins authorized herein shall be issued in such numbers, and at such times as shall be requested by the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial and upon payment to the United States of the face value of such coins: *Provided*, That none of such coins shall be issued after the expiration of the five-year period immediately following the enactment of this Act.

Payment to U. S., etc.

Restriction on issuance.

Approved August 7, 1946.

[CHAPTER 764]

AN ACT

To grant increased service pensions in certain Spanish-American War cases not included in recent legislation providing increases to other Spanish-American War veterans and their dependents, and for other purposes.

August 7, 1946
[H. R. 6900]
[Public Law 611]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and Philippine Insurrection, under service pension laws reenacted by the Act of August 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 614; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 368, Public Law 269, Seventy-fourth Congress); not included in the Act of May 24, 1938 (52 Stat. 440; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 370, Public Law 541, Seventy-fifth Congress); or the Act of March 1, 1944 (58 Stat. 107; U. S. C., title 38, secs. 365, 370, Public Law 242, Seventy-eighth Congress); or sections 2 and 3 of this Act, are hereby increased by 20 per centum.

Spanish-American War veterans.
Increase in pension rates.

38 U. S. C. §§ 370-370d; Supp. V, §§ 364a, 364g, 364h, 365, 370, 370c.

SEC. 2. That the rate of pension for total disability under section 3 of the Act of June 2, 1930 (46 Stat. 492; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 365b,

Total disability.