Public Law 96-20
96th Congress

An Act

To authorize the President of the United States to present on behalf of the Congress a specially struck gold medal to Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, and Larry Newman.

June 13, 1979
[S. 348]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the President of the United States is hereby authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, and Larry Newman, transatlantic balloonists, one gold medal each of appropriate design in recognition of their distinguished feat as aviation pioneers. For such purpose, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause to be struck three gold medals with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with the concurrence of the Commission on Fine Arts, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. There are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $45,000 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, and Larry Newman. Commemorative medals.

Appropriation authorization.

(b) The Secretary of the Treasury may cause duplicates in bronze of such medal to be coined and sold under such regulations as he may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medals, and the appropriation used for carrying out the provisions of this subsection shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of such sale.

Duplicates.

(c) The medals provided for in this section are national medals for the purpose of section 3551 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 368).

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