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An Act

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To authorize the presentation on behalf of the Congress of a specially struck gold medal to Admiral Hyman George Rickover.

Admiral Hyman George Rickover. Commemorative medal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress finds and declares that—

(1) Admiral Hyman George Rickover has served his country for sixty-three years with the highest distinction, with uncommon dedication, and with great honor as an officer of the United States Navy;

(2) Admiral Rickover has pioneered the development of nuclear reactor technology for the propulsion of naval vessels, has provided the expertise to construct the world's first true submersible, and thereby has revolutionized the concepts of naval warfare;

(3) with an unswerving faith in, and devotion to, the United States of America, Admiral Rickover has contributed to the defense of our Nation and to the peaceful development of nuclear reactor technology for the world by developing and constructing the first full-scale nuclear electrical generating plant in the United States;

(4) Admiral Rickover has developed and maintained standards of safety for the use of nuclear energy which have permitted the continued safe operation of naval nuclear reactor plants from their inception to the one hundred and sixty-one plants in operation today; and

(5) Admiral Rickover has for many years provided the Congress of the United States his uncompromising, independent, and candid advice, and greatly assisted the Congress of the United States in its deliberations on the issues of national defense, nuclear energy, environmental protection, and other important matters.

SEC. 2. (a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate are authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Admiral Hyman George Rickover, a gold medal of appropriate design in recognition of his distinguished service to the United States and for his unique world-renowned contributions to the development of safe nuclear energy and to the defense of the United States of America. For such purpose, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause to be struck a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury. There are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $22,000 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

Appropriation authorization.

Duplicates.

(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

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the gold medal. The appropriation used to carry out the provisions of subsection (a) shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of such sales.

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

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