Public Law 97-246
97th Congress

An Act

To award special congressional gold medals to Fred Waring, the widow of Joe Louis, and Louis L'Amour.

Aug. 26, 1982
[H.R. 4647]

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 authorized to present, on behalf of Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design to Fred Waring in recognition of his contribution to enriching American life. 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 is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $20,000 after October 1, 1981, to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

Fred Waring; Mrs. Joe Louis; and Louis L'Amour. Gold 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 gold medal. The appropriation made to carry out the provisions of subsection (a) shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of such sales.

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).

SEC. 2. (a) The President of the United States is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design to Mrs. Joe Louis in recognition of her late husband's accomplishments which did so much to bolster the spirit of the American people during one of the most crucial times in American history and which have endured throughout the years as a symbol of strength for the Nation. 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 is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $20,000 after October 1, 1981, to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

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

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).

SEC. 3. (a) The President of the United States is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design to Louis L'Amour in recognition of his distinguished career as an author and his contributions to the Nation through his historically based works. For such purpose, the Secretary of the

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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 the gold medal. The appropriation made 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 section are national medals for the purpose of section 3551 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 368).

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