Public Law 98-172
98th Congress

Joint Resolution

To provide for the awarding of a special gold medal to Danny Thomas in recognition of his humanitarian efforts and outstanding work as an American.

Nov. 29, 1983
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Whereas Danny Thomas founded the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a nonprofit hospital dedicated to helping grievously ill children of all faiths and races, children living and children yet unborn;

Whereas Danny Thomas founded ALSAC, Aiding Leukemia Stricken American Children, an organization which annually holds a Teenagers' March to raise the $12 million needed in annual maintenance costs incurred by the hospital;

Whereas Pope Paul VI presented Danny Thomas with one of the highest honors he could bestow upon a layman—Knight Commander with Star in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem;

Whereas the National Conference of Christians and Jews selected Danny Thomas as their Man of the Year;

Whereas Danny Thomas was presented by the American Medical Association with its Layman Award, the highest honor it can bestow upon a nonmedical man and only the sixth such award given since 1948;

Whereas Danny Thomas has given "command performances" for five Presidents—Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson;

Whereas Danny Thomas gave of his time during World War II to entertain United States troops in North Africa, Italy, and the Philippines; and

Whereas Danny Thomas has helped to alleviate the suffering of many children throughout the world and given them hope for a brighter future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Danny Thomas a gold medal of appropriate design, in recognition of his humanitarian efforts and his outstanding work as an American.

Danny Thomas.
Gold medal.

(b) For purposes of the presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be struck a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

(c) Effective October 1, 1983, there are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $25,000 to carry out the provisions of this section.

Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Treasury may cause duplicates in bronze of the medal provided for in the first section to be coined and sold under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, and the gold medal.

Duplicates.

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Proceeds and reimbursement.

(b) The appropriation used to carry out the provisions of the first section shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of such sales.

SEC. 3. The medals provided for in this Act are national medals for the purpose of section 5111 of title 31, United States Code.

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