Public Law 98-566
98th Congress

An Act

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to coin and sell a national medal in honor of the members and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam conflict.

Oct. 30, 1984
[H.R. 1870]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Vietnam Veterans National Medal Act.

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Vietnam Veterans National Medal Act".

FINDINGS

SEC. 2. The Congress hereby finds—

(1) that it is in the national interest to issue a national medal honoring the courage and dedication of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in the Vietnam conflict;

(2) that the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in the Vietnam conflict made sacrifices that deserve recognition by the United States; and

(3) that the issuance of a national medal is a fitting and suitable way for the United States to express its thanks and gratitude to those members and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam conflict.

COINAGE OF MEDALS

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary of the Treasury shall design, coin, and sell a medal in honor of the members and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam conflict.

(b) The Secretary shall offer such medals for sale in a manner designed to elicit as much public response as possible.

(c) Such medals shall be sold at a price sufficient to cover the cost of such medals, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and marketing and overhead expenses.

DESIGN OF MEDAL

SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary shall encourage and consider the submission of designs for the medal from Vietnam veterans, medallic artists, and other interested parties.

(b) In selecting a design for the medal, the Secretary shall solicit and consider the views of bona fide organizations which are comprised, in whole or in part, of Vietnam veterans and which represent the views of Vietnam veterans.

(c) The Secretary shall not coin medals of any design which has not been approved by the Commission of Fine Arts.

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SEC. 5. The medals provided for in this Act are national medals for purposes of section 5111 of title 31, United States Code.

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