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To award a congressional gold medal to the late James Cagney.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

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Cagney.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) James Cagney was one of the most talented
6 and popular stars of the American screen, exemplify-
7 ing in the characters he portrayed the indomitable
8 spirit and deep patriotism of all Americans in gen-
9 eral, and New Yorkers in particular.

10 (2) James Cagney's film career had numerous
11 highlights—"Angels With Dirty Faces", "Each

1 Dawn I Die”, “The Fighting 69th”, “Public
2 Enemy”, and “White Heat”—topped by his Acad-
3 emy Award winning performance as George M.
4 Cohan in “Yankee Doodle Dandy”.

5 (3) During the Second World War, James Cag-
6 ney devoted a great deal of his considerable talent
7 and energy in support of the war effort by volunteer-
8 ing for the USO and by serving as president of the
9 Screen Actors Guild and as chairman of the Holly-
10 wood Victory Committee.

11 (4) James Cagney coordinated the appearances
12 of more than 25,000 of his fellow Hollywood stars
13 and joined them in USO tours to entertain Amer-
14 ican servicemen and women both in the United
15 States and abroad, including tours at military bases
16 in England where he performed up to 12 shows a
17 day in spite of the possibility of German air raids.

18 (5) James Cagney’s vital role in organizing and
19 overseeing the Hollywood Victory Caravan, which
20 sold more than \$12,000,000,000 in war bonds, had
21 an immeasurable and crucial impact on the United
22 States victory in the Second World War.

23 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

24 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
25 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to the

1 family of the late James Cagney a gold medal of appro-
2 priate design, in recognition of his great patriotism and
3 his contribution to American culture.

4 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
5 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
6 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
7 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
8 Secretary.

9 (c) GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-
11 ury may accept, use, and disburse gifts or donations
12 of property or money to carry out this section.

13 (2) APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED.—No amount
14 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
15 section.

16 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

17 The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell
18 duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant
19 to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may
20 prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof,
21 including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and
22 overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

23 **SEC. 4. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

24 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are—

1 (1) national medals, for purposes of chapter 51
2 of title 31, United States Code; and

3 (2) numismatic items, for purposes of section
4 5134 of such title.

5 **SEC. 5. TRANSFER OF ANY PROFIT TO LIBRARY OF CON-**
6 **GRESS.**

7 The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer, from
8 the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund to the Library
9 of Congress, an amount equal to the amount by which the
10 sum of any gifts and donations received by the Secretary
11 in accordance with section 2(c)(1) and any proceeds from
12 the sale of duplicate medals pursuant to section 3 exceeds
13 the total amount of the costs incurred by the Secretary
14 in carrying out this Act.

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