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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “First Flight Com-  
5       memorative Coin Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

2 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
3 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
4 shall mint and issue the following coins:

5 (1) \$10 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 100,000  
6 \$10 coins, each of which shall—

7 (A) weigh 16.718 grams;

8 (B) have a diameter of 1.06 inches; and

9 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
10 alloy.

11 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000  
12 \$1 coins, each of which shall—

13 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

14 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

15 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-  
16 cent copper.

17 (3) HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more  
18 than 750,000 half dollar coins each of which shall—

19 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

20 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

21 (C) be minted to the specifications for half  
22 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title  
23 31, United States Code.

24 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this  
25 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of  
26 title 31, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 3. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

2       The Secretary shall obtain gold and silver for minting  
3 coins under this Act pursuant to the authority of the Sec-  
4 retary under other provisions of law, including authority  
5 relating to the use of silver stockpiles established under  
6 the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act, as  
7 applicable.

8 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

9       (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
11 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
12 first flight of Orville and Wilbur Wright in Kitty  
13 Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.

14           (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
15 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

16                   (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

17                   (B) an inscription of the year “2003”; and

18                   (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

19                   “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
20 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

21       (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
22 under this Act shall be—

23           (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
24 with the Board of Directors of the First Flight  
25 Foundation and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

1 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative  
2 Coin Advisory Committee.

3 **SEC. 5. PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
5 (b), the Secretary may issue coins minted under this Act  
6 only during the period beginning on August 1, 2003, and  
7 ending on July 31, 2004.

8 (b) EXCEPTION.—If the Secretary determines that  
9 there is sufficient public demand for the coins minted  
10 under section 2(a)(3), the Secretary may extend the period  
11 of issuance under subsection (a) for a period of 5 years  
12 with respect to those coins.

13 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

14 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act  
15 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum  
16 of—

17 (1) the face value of the coins;

18 (2) the surcharge provided in subsection (d)  
19 with respect to such coins; and

20 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
21 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
22 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

23 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
24 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
25 discount.

1 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
3 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
4 before the issuance of such coins.

5 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
6 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
7 sonable discount.

8 (d) SURCHARGES.—All sales shall include a sur-  
9 charge of—

10 (1) \$35 per coin for the \$10 coin;

11 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

12 (3) \$1 per coin for the half dollar coin.

13 (e) MARKETING EXPENSES.—The Secretary shall en-  
14 sure that—

15 (1) a plan is established for marketing the coins  
16 minted under this Act; and

17 (2) adequate funds are made available to cover  
18 the costs of carrying out that marketing plan.

19 **SEC. 7. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-**  
20 **TIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
22 (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public  
23 contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods  
24 and services necessary for carrying out the provisions of  
25 this Act.

1 (b) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.—Sub-  
2 section (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a con-  
3 tract under the authority of this Act from complying with  
4 any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

5 **SEC. 8. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—All surcharges received by the  
7 Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act shall  
8 be promptly paid by the Secretary to the First Flight  
9 Foundation for the purposes of—

10 (1) repairing, refurbishing, and maintaining the  
11 Wright Brothers Monument on the Outer Banks of  
12 North Carolina; and

13 (2) expanding (or, if necessary, replacing) and  
14 maintaining the visitor center and other facilities at  
15 the Wright Brothers National Memorial Park on the  
16 Outer Banks of North Carolina, including providing  
17 educational programs and exhibits for visitors.

18 (b) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United  
19 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,  
20 documents, and other data of the First Flight Foundation  
21 as may be related to the expenditures of amounts paid  
22 under subsection (a).

23 **SEC. 9. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

24 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-  
25 essary to ensure that minting and issuing coins under this

1 Act will not result in any net cost to the United States  
2 Government.

3 **SEC. 10. WAIVER OF COIN PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS.**

4       The provisions of subparagraph (F) of section 5134  
5 of title 31, United States Code, do not apply to the coins  
6 minted and issued under this Act, since the surcharge pro-  
7 ceeds of this Act will be used for building, repairing, and  
8 other endeavors in a United States National Park.

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