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AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins
in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and
Clark Expedition, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lewis and Clark Expe-
3 dition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds that—

6 (1) the expedition commanded by Meriwether
7 Lewis and William Clark, which came to be called
8 “The Corps of Discovery”, was one of the most re-
9 markable and productive scientific and military ex-
10 ploring expeditions in all American history;

11 (2) President Thomas Jefferson gave Lewis and
12 Clark the mission to “explore the Missouri River &
13 such principal stream of it, as, by its course and
14 communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean,
15 whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado, or any
16 other river may offer the most direct and practical
17 water communication across this continent for the
18 purposes of commerce”;

19 (3) the Expedition, in response to President
20 Jefferson’s directive, greatly advanced our geo-
21 graphical knowledge of the continent and prepared
22 the way for the extension of the American fur trade
23 with American Indian tribes throughout the land;

24 (4) President Jefferson directed the explorers to
25 take note of and carefully record the natural re-
26 sources of the newly acquired territory known as

1 Louisiana, as well as diligently report on the native
2 inhabitants of the land;

3 (5) the Expedition departed St. Louis, Missouri
4 on May 14, 1804;

5 (6) the Expedition held its first meeting with
6 American Indians at Council Bluff near present-day
7 Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, in August 1804, spent its
8 first winter at Fort Mandan, North Dakota, crossed
9 the Rocky Mountains by the mouth of the Columbia
10 River in mid-November of that year, and wintered at
11 Fort Clatsop, near the present-day city of Astoria,
12 Oregon;

13 (7) the Expedition returned to St. Louis, Mis-
14 souri, on September 23, 1806, after a 28-month
15 journey covering 8,000 miles during which it tra-
16 versed 11 future States: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas,
17 Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Mon-
18 tana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon;

19 (8) accounts from the journals of Lewis and
20 Clark and the detailed maps that were prepared by
21 the Expedition enhance knowledge of the western
22 continent and routes for commerce;

23 (9) the Expedition significantly enhanced ami-
24 cable relationships between the United States and
25 the autonomous American Indian nations, and the

1 friendship and respect fostered between American
2 Indian tribes and the Expedition represents the best
3 of diplomacy and relationships between divergent na-
4 tions and cultures; and

5 (10) the Lewis and Clark Expedition has been
6 called the most perfect expedition of its kind in the
7 history of the world and paved the way for the
8 United States to become a great world power.

9 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

10 (a) DENOMINATION.—In commemoration of the bi-
11 centennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the Sec-
12 retary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to
13 as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue not more than
14 500,000 \$1 coins, each of which shall—

15 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;
16 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and
17 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
18 copper.

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

22 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
23 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
24 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

1 **SEC. 4. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

2 The Secretary may obtain silver for minting coins
3 under this Act from any available source, including stock-
4 piles established under the Strategic and Critical Mate-
5 rials Stock Piling Act.

6 **SEC. 5. DESIGN OF COINS.**

7 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
9 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the ex-
10 pedition of Lewis and Clark.

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

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

14 (B) an inscription of the year “2004” and
15 the years “1804–1806”; and

16 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
17 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
18 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

19 (3) OBVERSE OF COIN.—The obverse of each
20 coin minted under this Act shall bear the likeness of
21 Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

22 (4) GENERAL DESIGN.—In designing this coin,
23 the Secretary shall also consider incorporating ap-
24 propriate elements from the Jefferson Peace and
25 Friendship Medal which Lewis and Clark presented
26 to the Chiefs of the various Indian tribes they en-

1 countered and shall consider recognizing Native
2 American culture.

3 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
4 under this Act shall be selected by the Secretary after con-
5 sultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and shall be
6 reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory
7 Committee.

8 **SEC. 6. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

9 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
10 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

11 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only one facility of the United
12 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
13 of the coins minted under this Act.

14 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
15 issue coins minted under this Act only during the period
16 beginning on January 1, 2004, and ending on December
17 31, 2004.

18 **SEC. 7. SALE OF COINS.**

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

22 (1) the face value of the coins;

23 (2) the surcharge provided in subsection (d)

24 with respect to such coins; and

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

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

7 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

14 (d) SURCHARGES.—All sales of coins minted under
15 this Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

16 **SEC. 8. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 5134(f) of title
18 31, United States Code, the proceeds from the surcharges
19 received by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued
20 under this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary
21 as follows:

22 (1) NATIONAL LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTEN-
23 NIAL COUNCIL.—Two-thirds to the National Lewis
24 and Clark Bicentennial Council, for activities associ-

1 ated with commemorating the bicentennial of the
2 Expedition.

3 (2) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—One-thirds to
4 the National Park Service for activities associated
5 with commemorating the bicentennial of the Lewis
6 and Clark Expedition.

7 (b) AUDITS.—Each organization that receives any
8 payment from the Secretary under this section shall be
9 subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of
10 title 31, United States Code.

11 **SEC. 9. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

12 (a) NO NET COST TO THE GOVERNMENT.—The Sec-
13 retary shall take such actions as may be necessary to en-
14 sure that minting and issuing coins under this Act will
15 not result in any net cost to the United States Govern-
16 ment.

17 (b) PAYMENT FOR COINS.—A coin shall not be issued
18 under this Act unless the Secretary has received—

19 (1) full payment for the coin;

20 (2) security satisfactory to the Secretary to in-
21 demnify the United States for full payment; or

22 (3) a guarantee of full payment satisfactory to
23 the Secretary from a depository institution whose
24 deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insur-

Attest: **JEFF TRANDAH**,
Clerk.