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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To present a congressional gold medal to astronauts Neil
A. Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, the
crew of Apollo 11.

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. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, as com-
4 mander of Apollo 11, achieved the historic accom-
5 plishment of piloting the Lunar Module “Eagle” to
6 the surface of the Moon, and became the first person
7 to walk upon the Moon on July 20, 1969.

8 (2) Astronaut Buzz Aldrin joined Neil A. Arm-
9 strong in piloting the Lunar Module “Eagle” to the
10 surface of the Moon, and became the second person
11 to walk upon the Moon on July 20, 1969.

12 (3) Astronaut Michael Collins provided critical
13 assistance to his fellow astronauts that landed on
14 the Moon by piloting the Command Module “Colum-
15 bia” in the Moon’s orbit and communicating with
16 Earth, thereby allowing his fellow Apollo 11 astro-
17 nauts to successfully complete their mission on the
18 surface of the Moon.

19 (4) By conquering the Moon at great personal
20 risk to their safety, the three Apollo 11 astronauts
21 advanced America scientifically and technologically,
22 paving the way for future missions to other regions
23 in space.

24 (5) The Apollo 11 astronauts, by and through
25 their historic feat, united the country in favor of
26 continued space exploration and research.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
3 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, gold
4 medals of appropriate design to astronauts Neil A. Arm-
5 strong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, in recognition
6 of their monumental and unprecedented feat of space ex-
7 ploration, as well as their achievements in the advance-
8 ment of science and promotion of the space program.

9 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
10 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
11 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
12 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
13 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
14 Secretary.

15 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

16 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
17 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
18 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2 at a price
19 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor,
20 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

21 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

22 The medals struck under this Act are national medals
23 for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

