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S. 1332

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights, higher education, the Catholic Church, the Nation, and the global community.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 1, 1999

Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KERREY, and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Father Theodore M.
5 Hesburgh Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., has
4 made outstanding and enduring contributions to
5 American society through his activities in civil
6 rights, higher education, the Catholic Church, the
7 Nation, and the global community;

8 (2) Father Hesburgh was a charter member of
9 the United States Commission on Civil Rights from
10 its creation in 1957 and served as chairperson of the
11 Commission from 1969 to 1972;

12 (3) Father Hesburgh was president of the Uni-
13 versity of Notre Dame from 1952 until 1987, and
14 has been president emeritus since 1987;

15 (4) Father Hesburgh is a national and inter-
16 national leader in higher education;

17 (5) Father Hesburgh has been honored with the
18 Elizabeth Ann Seton Award from the National
19 Catholic Education Association and with more than
20 130 honorary degrees;

21 (6) Father Hesburgh served as co-chairperson
22 of the nationally influential Knight Commission on
23 Intercollegiate Athletics and as chairperson, from
24 1994 to 1996, of the Board of Overseers of Harvard
25 University;

1 (7) Father Hesburgh served under President
2 Ford as a member of the Presidential Clemency
3 Board, charged with deciding the fates of persons
4 committing offenses during the Vietnam conflict;

5 (8) Father Hesburgh served as chairman of the
6 board of the Overseas Development Council and in
7 that capacity led fundraising efforts that averted
8 mass starvation in Cambodia in 1979 and 1980;

9 (9) Father Hesburgh served from 1979 to 1981
10 as chairperson of the Select Commission on Immi-
11 gration and Refugee Policy, which made rec-
12 ommendations that served as the basis of congres-
13 sional reform legislation enacted 5 years later;

14 (10) Father Hesburgh served as ambassador to
15 the 1979 United Nations Conference on Science and
16 Technology for Development; and

17 (11) Father Hesburgh has served the Catholic
18 Church in a variety of capacities, including his serv-
19 ice from 1956 to 1970 as the permanent Vatican
20 representative to the International Atomic Energy
21 Agency in Vienna and his service as a member of
22 the Holy See's delegation to the United Nations.

23 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

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

1 of appropriate design to Father Theodore M. Hesburgh
 2 in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contribu-
 3 tions to civil rights, higher education, the Catholic Church,
 4 the Nation, and the global community.

5 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
 6 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
 7 of the Treasury (in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
 8 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
 9 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
 10 retary.

11 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

12 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
 13 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3
 14 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
 15 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
 16 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
 17 and the cost of the gold medal.

18 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

19 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
 20 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
 21 States Code.

22 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**
 23 **OF SALE.**

24 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 25 authorized to be charged against the Numismatic Public

1 Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay
2 for the cost of the medal authorized by this Act.

3 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
4 sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 4 shall be
5 deposited in the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund.

