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To authorize the President to award gold medals on behalf of Congress to the people aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who helped resist the hijackers and caused the plane to crash prematurely.

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Mr. TANCREDO (for himself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. HOLT, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. LEE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, Mr. WELLER, Mr. PLATTS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. WYNN, Mr. STARK, and Mr. STEARNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) On September 11, 2001, United Airlines
2 Flight 93, piloted by Captain James Dahl, departed
3 from Newark International Airport at 8:01 a.m. on
4 its scheduled route to San Francisco, California,
5 with 7 crew members and 38 passengers on board.

6 (2) Shortly after departure, United Airlines
7 Flight 93 was hijacked by terrorists.

8 (3) At 10:37 a.m. United Airlines Flight 93
9 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

10 (4) Evidence indicates that people aboard
11 United Airlines Flight 93 learned that other hi-
12 jacked planes had been used to attack the World
13 Trade Center in New York City and resisted the ac-
14 tions of the hijackers on board.

15 (5) The effort to resist the hijackers aboard
16 United Airlines Flight 93 appears to have caused
17 the plane to crash prematurely, potentially saving
18 hundreds or thousands of lives and preventing the
19 destruction of the White House, the Capitol, or an-
20 other important symbol of freedom and democracy.

21 (6) The leaders of the resistance aboard United
22 Airlines Flight 93 demonstrated exceptional bravery,
23 valor, and patriotism, and are worthy of the appre-
24 ciation of the people of the United States.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
3 authorized to award posthumously, on behalf of Congress
4 and in recognition of heroic service to the Nation, gold
5 medals of appropriate design to—

6 (1) Jeremy Glick, Todd Beamer, Thomas Bur-
7 nett, Jr., and Mark Bingham; and

8 (2) other passengers or crew members on board
9 United Airlines Flight 93 who are identified by the
10 Attorney General as having aided in the effort to re-
11 sist the hijackers on board the plane.

12 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
13 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
14 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
15 “Secretary”) shall strike gold medals of a single design
16 with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions, to be de-
17 termined by the Secretary.

18 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

19 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
20 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
21 bronze of the gold medals struck under section 2 at a price
22 sufficient to cover the cost of the bronze medals (including
23 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead ex-
24 penses) and the cost of the gold medals.

1 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

4 **SEC. 5. FUNDING AND PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be
6 charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise
7 Fund such sums as may be necessary to pay for the cost
8 of the medals authorized by this Act.

9 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
10 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
11 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
12 Fund.

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