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To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Muhammad Ali in recognition of his contributions to the Nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CARSON of Indiana (for herself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FORD, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REYES, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SABO, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. WATERS, Ms. WATSON of California, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, and Mr. WYNN) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., on Janu-
4 ary 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky, Muhammad
5 Ali was the first child of Cassius and Odessa Clay.

6 (2) Muhammad Ali was one of the greatest box-
7 ers and most inspiring athletes of the 20th century.

8 (3) After an impressive amateur career, on
9 February 25, 1964, Muhammad Ali (known then as
10 Cassius Clay), at the age of 22, shocked the world
11 by defeating the reigning Heavyweight Champion of
12 the World, Sonny Liston. After his victory, Muham-
13 mad Ali announced his conversion to the religion of
14 Islam and changed his name to Muhammad Ali.

15 (4) Muhammad Ali defeated every challenger he
16 faced in the ring, but on April 28, 1967, he was
17 stripped of his title as Heavyweight Champion of the
18 World and deprived of his ability to practice the
19 trade of boxing for refusing induction into the
20 United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam
21 conflict because of his religious and moral beliefs.

22 (5) As an African American living in an era
23 that continued to question his rights as a person,
24 Muhammad Ali faced and battled issues of race and
25 class, and deserves recognition as one of the cham-
26 pions of the civil rights movement.

1 (6) Muhammad Ali is the recipient of many
2 awards and accolades for his sporting prowess and
3 for his efforts on behalf of racial harmony, including
4 the Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Award, the
5 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year Award, a
6 place in the International Boxing Hall of Fame, the
7 Arthur Ashe Award for Courage, the Essence Living
8 Legend Award, a Rainbow Coalition Lifetime
9 Achievement Award, and recognition as the Boxer of
10 the Century by the World Sports Awards of the Cen-
11 tury.

12 (7) During his career, and since his retirement
13 on December 11, 1981, Muhammad Ali has dedi-
14 cated his life to the cause of universal human rights
15 and embodies the love of humanity and freedom.

16 (8) Despite having been diagnosed with Parkin-
17 son's disease in 1993, Muhammad Ali has continued
18 to devote his life to charity organizations, including
19 Jubilee 2000, an organization that campaigns for
20 the cancellation of Third World debt.

21 (9) Muhammad Ali has transcended the glam-
22 our and glory of being a sports champion to become
23 not only one of the greatest sports figures, but one
24 of the greatest human beings, to have ever lived.

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

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
3 authorized to present, on behalf of Congress, a gold medal
4 of appropriate design to Muhammad Ali in recognition of
5 his contributions to the Nation.

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

12 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

13 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
14 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
15 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2 at a price
16 sufficient to cover the cost of the bronze medals (including
17 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead ex-
18 penses) and the cost of the gold medal.

19 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

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

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be
24 charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise
25 Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay for the
26 cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

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

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