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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 18, 2001

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “True American Heroes
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

5 (a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—In recognition of
6 the bravery and self-sacrifice of officers, emergency work-
7 ers, and other employees of State and local government
8 agencies, including the Port Authority of New York and
9 New Jersey, and of the United States Government, who
10 responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center in
11 New York City, and perished in the tragic events of Sep-
12 tember 11, 2001 (including those who are missing and
13 presumed dead), the President is authorized to present,
14 on behalf of Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design
15 for each such officer, emergency worker, or employee to
16 the next of kin or other representative of each such officer,
17 emergency worker, or employee.

18 (b) **DESIGN AND STRIKING.**—For purposes of the
19 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
20 of the Treasury shall strike gold medals with suitable em-
21 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
22 Secretary to be emblematic of the valor and heroism of
23 the men and women honored.

24 (c) **DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS.**—The Sec-
25 retary of the Treasury shall determine the number of med-
26 als to be presented under this section and the appropriate

1 recipients of the medals after consulting with appropriate
 2 representatives of Federal, State, and local officers and
 3 agencies and the Port Authority of New York and New
 4 Jersey.

5 (d) PRESENTMENT CEREMONY.—The President shall
 6 consult with the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
 7 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the majority
 8 leader and the minority leader of the House of Represent-
 9 atives, and the majority leader and the minority leader of
 10 the Senate with regard to the ceremony for presenting the
 11 gold medals under subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATIVE GOLD MEDALS FOR DEPARTMENTS**
 13 **AND DUTY STATIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
 15 shall strike duplicates in gold of the gold medals struck
 16 pursuant to section 2 for presentation to each of the fol-
 17 lowing:

- 18 (1) The Governor of the State of New York.
- 19 (2) The Mayor of the City of New York.
- 20 (3) The Commissioner of the New York Police
 21 Department, the Commissioner of the New York
 22 Fire Department, the head of emergency medical
 23 services for the City of New York, and the Chairman
 24 of the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of
 25 New York and New Jersey.

1 (4) Each precinct house, fire house, emergency
2 response station, duty station, or other place of em-
3 ployment to which each person referred to in section
4 2(a) was assigned on September 11, 2001, for dis-
5 play in each such place in a manner befitting the
6 memory of such persons.

7 (b) DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Sec-
8 retary of the Treasury shall determine the number of med-
9 als to be presented under this section and the appropriate
10 recipients of the medals after consulting with appropriate
11 representatives of Federal, State, and local officers and
12 agencies and the Port Authority of New York and New
13 Jersey.

14 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE BRONZE MEDALS.**

15 The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell
16 duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant
17 to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may
18 prescribe, at a price of \$50 per medal.

19 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

23 **SEC. 6. PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

24 Amounts received from the sales of duplicate bronze
25 medals under section 4 shall be deposited in a fund to

1 be used to erect a memorial for the fallen emergency re-
2 sponders.

3 **SEC. 7. USE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT AT WEST POINT,**
4 **NEW YORK.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that the medals authorized
6 under this Act should—

7 (1) be designed, struck, and presented not more
8 than 90 days after date of the enactment of this
9 Act; and

10 (2) be struck at the United States Mint at West
11 Point, New York, to the greatest extent possible.

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