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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS (for himself and Mr. SAXTON) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “Korean Immigration  
5 Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1           (1) January 13, 2003, will mark the 100th an-  
2           niversary of the first wave of Korean immigration to  
3           the United States.

4           (2) At the time of this anniversary, more than  
5           100 Korean American communities throughout this  
6           Nation will commemorate this important event.

7           (3) According to immigration records, in De-  
8           cember 1902, 56 men, 21 women, and 25 children  
9           left Korea and sailed across the Pacific Ocean  
10          aboard the S.S. Gaelic, landing in Honolulu, Hawaii,  
11          on January 13, 1903.

12          (4) These early Korean immigrants worked at  
13          sugar cane and pineapple fields in Hawaii.

14          (5) Since that 1st voyage, approximately  
15          1,000,000 Koreans have immigrated to the United  
16          States.

17          (6) Korean Americans have served with distinc-  
18          tion in the U.S. Armed Forces during every war and  
19          conflict in which the United States is or was in-  
20          volved from World War I through the war in the  
21          Persian Gulf and beyond.

22          (7) Korean Americans have taken root and  
23          thrived in the United States through strong family  
24          ties, robust community support, and countless hours  
25          of hard work.

1           (8) Korean immigrants have invigorated busi-  
2           ness, church, and academic communities throughout  
3           the United States and Korean Americans have also  
4           established themselves as important members in the  
5           medical, legal, financial, and governmental profes-  
6           sions.

7           (9) The strategic partnership between the  
8           United States and Korea has helped undergird peace  
9           and stability in the Asian Pacific region and has  
10          provided economic benefits to not only the peoples of  
11          the United States and Korea, but to the entire  
12          world.

13 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

14          (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
15          ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
16          shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 1 dollar coins,  
17          which shall—

18                 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

19                 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

20                 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent  
21          copper.

22          (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this  
23          Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of  
24          title 31, United States Code.

1 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
2 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted  
3 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

4 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

5 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
7 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the im-  
8 migration of Koreans into the United States and the  
9 significant contributions of Korean Americans to  
10 this Nation.

11 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
12 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

13 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

14 (B) an inscription of the year “2003”; and

15 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

16 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
17 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

18 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
19 under this Act shall be selected by the Secretary after con-  
20 sultation with the Commission of Fine Arts.

21 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

22 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this  
23 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

1 (b) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary  
2 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning on the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (c) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No  
5 coins shall be minted under this Act after December 31,  
6 2003.

7 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

8 (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
9 sion of law, the coins issued under this Act shall be sold  
10 by the Secretary at a price equal to the face value, plus  
11 the cost of designing and issuing such coins (including  
12 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-  
13 penses, and marketing).

14 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
15 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
16 discount.

17 (c) PREPAID ORDERS AT A DISCOUNT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
19 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
20 before the issuance of such coins.

21 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
22 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
23 sonable discount.

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