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To award a congressional gold medal to Brian Lamb.

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Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. NADLER, Mr. QUINN, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. CRANE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LEACH, and Mr. EVANS) 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 The Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) C-SPAN, C-SPAN II, C-SPAN III, C-
6 SPAN.org, and C-SPAN Radio, the cable networks,
7 Internet site, and radio station dedicated to gavel-to-
8 gavel coverage of the United States House of Rep-
9 resentatives and the United States Senate, as well as
10 educational programming about our Nation's history

1 and politics, have had a profound positive impact
2 upon the knowledge and awareness among our citi-
3 zens of our democracy about the law-making process
4 and government at all levels.

5 (2) Through the coverage of C-SPAN, C-
6 SPAN II, C-SPAN III, C-SPAN.org, and C-SPAN
7 Radio, educators, students, and concerned citizens
8 have had the opportunity to watch the Nation's lead-
9 ers engage in historic debates, address issues that
10 impact all Americans, and been made aware of the
11 importance of the Congress in our democracy.

12 (3) The 80,000,000 households which receive
13 C-SPAN have a window on the legislative process
14 that is unbiased and comprehensive.

15 (4) C-SPAN programming such as the C-
16 SPAN School Bus, Booknotes, C-SPAN Radio, and
17 Washington Journal have significantly enriched the
18 level of political discourse and understanding in our
19 Nation.

20 (5) C-SPAN provides a unique and valuable
21 contribution to coverage of the American political
22 process that has no peer.

23 (6) This public service known as C-SPAN came
24 about due to the vision, dedication, and interest of
25 Brian Lamb.

1 (7) Brian Lamb's efforts have resulted in C-
2 SPAN reaching over 80,000,000 households, and be-
3 coming an indispensable political resource for polit-
4 ical leaders, students, and interested political lead-
5 ers.

6 (8) Due to the hard work and perseverance of
7 Brian Lamb, the innovative programming concept of
8 C-SPAN was developed almost 25 years ago.

9 (9) C-SPAN has become a fixture of the Amer-
10 ican political scene and has so impacted American
11 politics that it is difficult to conceive of American
12 political life without C-SPAN.

13 (10) It is appropriate and fitting that Brian
14 Lamb be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for
15 establishing C-SPAN, C-SPAN II, C-SPAN III, C-
16 SPAN.org, and C-SPAN Radio as the network of
17 record for American political life.

18 (11) Brian Lamb's vision, leadership, conviction
19 and commitment to public understanding of the
20 Congress, the law-making process, important and
21 timely political issues, and government generally,
22 demonstrate that he is worthy of the appreciation of
23 the American people as expressed through awarding
24 Brian Lamb the Congressional Gold Medal.

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

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
3 authorized to award to Brian Lamb, on behalf of the Con-
4 gress, a gold medal of appropriate design honoring Brian
5 Lamb in recognition of his contributions to the Nation.

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

11 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

12 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
13 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
14 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,
15 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, includ-
16 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead
17 expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

18 **SEC. 4. STATUS AS 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. 5. FUNDING.**

23 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
24 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
25 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000
26 to pay for the 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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