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To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the battlefields of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2004

Mr. HOLT (for himself and Mr. McHUGH) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Revolutionary War and
5 War of 1812 Battlefields Commemorative Coin Act of
6 2004”.

7 **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

8 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In commemoration of the
9 Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, the Secretary

1 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
2 “Secretary”) shall mint and issue the following coins:

3 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 300,000
4 \$5 coins, which shall—

5 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

6 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

7 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
8 alloy.

9 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than
10 1,000,000 \$1 coins, which shall—

11 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

12 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

13 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
14 cent copper.

15 (3) HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
16 than 2,000,000 half dollar coins which shall be mint-
17 ed to the specifications for half dollar coins con-
18 tained in section 5112(b) of title 31, United States
19 Code.

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

23 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
24 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins

1 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
2 matic items.

3 **SEC. 3. DESIGN OF COINS.**

4 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
6 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
7 Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

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

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

11 (B) an inscription of the year “2006”; and

12 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
13 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
14 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

15 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
16 under this Act shall be—

17 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
18 with the Commission of Fine Arts, and the Revolu-
19 tionary War and the War of 1812 Battlefields Foun-
20 dation (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
21 “Foundation”); and

22 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
23 Committee.

1 **SEC. 4. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

4 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United
5 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
6 of the coins minted under this Act.

7 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
8 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
9 period beginning on January 1, 2006.

10 **SEC. 5. SALE OF COINS.**

11 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
12 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
13 of—

14 (1) the face value of the coins;

15 (2) the surcharge provided in section 6(a) with
16 respect to such coins; and

17 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
18 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
19 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

23 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

4 (d) MARKETING.—The Secretary, in cooperation with
5 the Foundation, shall develop and implement a marketing
6 program to promote and sell the coins authorized under
7 this Act both within the United States and internationally.

8 **SEC. 6. SURCHARGES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
10 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

11 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

12 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

13 (3) A surcharge of \$3 per coin for the half dol-
14 lar coin.

15 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
16 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
17 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
18 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Foundation
19 for purposes of the preservation of historically significant
20 battlefields of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812
21 and related historical sites.

22 (c) AUDITS.—The Foundation shall be subject to the
23 audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31,

- 1 United States Code, with regard to the amounts received
- 2 by the Fund under subsection (b).

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