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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. HALL, Mr. WICKER, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. NUNES, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. HOLT, and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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 “NASA and JPL 50th  
 5   Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

7       (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In commemoration of the  
 8   50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aer-  
 9   onautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion  
 10   Laboratory, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in  
 11   this Act referred to as the “Secretary) shall mint and issue  
 12   the following coins:

13               (1) \$10 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 75,000  
 14       \$10 gold coins of such specifications as the Sec-  
 15       retary determines to be appropriate.

1           (2) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 100,000  
2       \$5 coins, which shall—

3                   (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

5                   (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
6       alloy.

7           (3) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000  
8       \$1 coins, which shall—

9                   (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

11                   (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-  
12       cent copper.

13           (4) HALF DOLLAR SILVER COINS.—Not more  
14       than 500,000 half dollar coins which shall—

15                   (A) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

16                   (B) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-  
17       cent copper.

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

21       (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
22       5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted  
23       under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

24       **SEC. 3. DESIGN OF COINS.**

25       (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
2           minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the 50  
3           years of exemplary and unparalleled achievements of  
4           the National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
5           and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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

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

9                   (B) an inscription of the year “2008”; and

10                  (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,  
11           “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
12           ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”, and such other  
13           inscriptions as the Secretary may determine to  
14           be appropriate for the designs of the coins.

15           (3) COIN IMAGES.—

16                   (A) \$10 COINS.—The reverse of the \$10  
17           coins issued under this Act shall bear a design  
18           emblematic of the sacrifice of the United States  
19           astronauts who lost their lives in the line of  
20           duty over the course of the space program.

21                   (B) \$5 COINS.—The reverse of the \$5  
22           coins issued under this Act shall bear at least  
23           2 different designs—

1 (i) 1 of which shall be emblematic of  
2 the Moon missions of the National Aero-  
3 nautics and Space Administration; and

4 (ii) 1 of which shall be emblematic of  
5 the Earth missions of the National Aero-  
6 nautics and Space Administration.

7 (C) \$1 COINS.—

8 (i) OBVERSE.—The obverse of the \$1  
9 coins issued under this Act shall honor the  
10 achievements of the Jet Propulsion Lab-  
11 oratory and bear an image emblematic of  
12 the missions and achievements of the Lab-  
13 oratory in the exploration of the solar sys-  
14 tem.

15 (ii) REVERSE.—The reverse of the \$1  
16 coins issued under this Act shall bear 8  
17 different designs each of which shall con-  
18 sist of an image of 1 of the 8 planets of  
19 the solar system, other than Earth, and be  
20 emblematic of the missions of the National  
21 Aeronautics and Space Administration and  
22 the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to such  
23 planet.

1 (D) HALF DOLLAR COINS.—The reverse of  
2 the half dollar coins shall bear an image of the  
3 universe.

4 (4) REALISTIC AND SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE  
5 DEPICTIONS.—The images for the designs of coins  
6 issued under this Act shall be selected on the basis  
7 of the realism and scientific accuracy of the images  
8 and on the extent to which the images are reminis-  
9 cent of the dramatic and beautiful artwork on coins  
10 of the so-called “Golden Age of Coinage” in the  
11 United States, at the beginning of the Twentieth  
12 Century, with the participation of such noted sculp-  
13 tors and medallie artists as James Earle Fraser, Au-  
14 gustus Saint-Gaudens, Victor David Brenner, Ad-  
15 olph A. Weinman, Charles E. Barber, and George T.  
16 Morgan.

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

19 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
20 with the Administrator of the National Aeronautics  
21 and Space Administration, the Director of the Jet  
22 Propulsion Laboratory, and the Commission of Fine  
23 Arts; and

24 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coin Advisory  
25 Committee.

1 **SEC. 4. SYMBOLIC INCLUSION OF PRECIOUS METALS THAT**  
2 **HAVE FLOWN IN SPACE.**

3 (a) COLLECTION.—Each Federal agency and instru-  
4 mentality of the United States, including the Department  
5 of Defense, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Aer-  
6 onautics and Space Administration, and the Jet Propul-  
7 sion Laboratory, that has in its possession any craft, or  
8 any part of a craft, that flew in space shall—

9 (1) retrieve any gold, silver, copper, and other  
10 precious metal that the Director of the United  
11 States Mint determines may be used in the produc-  
12 tion of any coins under this Act, from such craft or  
13 part, that can be retrieved without harming any  
14 such craft or part that may be of continuing use for  
15 its original purpose or for research, or whose preser-  
16 vation is appropriate for historical purposes; and

17 (2) deposit such precious metals so retrieved  
18 with the Director of the United States Mint.

19 (b) SEGREGATION AND RECORDKEEPING.—Each  
20 Federal agency and instrumentality of the United States  
21 which retrieves any precious metals in accordance with  
22 subsection (a), and the Director of the United States Mint  
23 with respect to precious metals deposited with the Mint  
24 in accordance with such subsection, shall maintain such  
25 precious metals separately from other metals not so re-  
26 trieved or obtained and shall maintain accurate and com-



1 plete records of the retrieval and deposit of any such pre-  
2 cious metals.

3 (c) USE OF PRECIOUS METALS IN PRODUCTION OF  
4 COINS.—Any precious metals deposited with the Director  
5 of the United States Mint under subsection (a) shall be  
6 used in the production of the coins struck under this Act  
7 by blending such precious metals with other bullion nec-  
8 essary for the production of such coins so that all of the  
9 coins produced under this Act will contain some propor-  
10 tion of the bullion obtained from craft or parts of crafts  
11 that flew in space in an amount appropriate for the types  
12 and denominations of the coins and the amount of pre-  
13 cious metals so deposited.

14 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

17 (b) SETS.—In issuing coins minted under this Act,  
18 the Secretary shall make not less than 25,000 sets of coins  
19 available for issuance each of which shall contain the coins  
20 of each denomination of the coins minted under this Act,  
21 including a coin bearing each design required for the re-  
22 verse of any such denomination of coin.

23 (c) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United  
24 States Mint may be used to strike any particular combina-

1 tion of denomination and quality of the coins minted under  
2 this Act.

3 (d) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary  
4 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January  
5 1, 2008.

6 (e) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No  
7 coins may be minted under this Act after December 31,  
8 2008.

9 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

13 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

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

19 (b) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

4 (1) A surcharge of \$75 per coin for the \$10  
5 coin.

6 (2) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

7 (3) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

8 (4) A surcharge of \$3 per coin for the half dol-  
9 lar coin.

10 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
11 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
12 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
13 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the NASA  
14 Family Assistance Fund for the purposes of providing  
15 need-based financial assistance to the families of NASA  
16 personnel who die as a result of injuries suffered in the  
17 performance of their official duties.

18 (c) AUDITS.—The NASA Family Assistance Fund  
19 shall be subject to the audit requirements of section  
20 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard  
21 to the amounts received by the under subsection (b).

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