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To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress honoring Wilma G. Rudolph, in recognition of her enduring contributions to humanity and women's athletics in the United States and the world.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 25 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) Wilma G. Rudolph of Clarksville, Ten-
6 nessee, the 20th of 22 children, overcame a series of
7 childhood diseases, including scarlet fever, double
8 pneumonia, and polio, to become an athletic pioneer

1 and champion in the State of Tennessee, the United
2 States, and the world, first as an outstanding bas-
3 ketball player and track athlete in Tennessee, then
4 as a 3-time gold medal winner in the 1960 Olympics
5 in Rome, and finally as a pioneer for racial equality,
6 goodwill, and justice;

7 (2) Wilma G. Rudolph's winning of 3 gold med-
8 als in the 1960 Olympics served as an inspiration to
9 athletes of all sports, all races, and both genders;

10 (3) Wilma G. Rudolph's ability to inspire en-
11 dured after her performance in the 1960 Olympics,
12 as demonstrated by—

13 (A) her receipt in 1987 of the National
14 Collegiate Athletic Association's Silver Anniver-
15 sary Award, the first time a woman ever re-
16 ceived the award;

17 (B) her receipt of the 1989 Jackie Robin-
18 son Image Award of the National Association
19 for the Advancement of Colored People
20 (NAACP);

21 (C) her induction into the National Track
22 and Field Hall of Fame in 1973;

23 (D) her receipt of the 1985 Humanitarian
24 of the Year Award of the Special Olympics; and

1 (E) her receipt in 1993 of the National
2 Sports Award, the only time a woman has re-
3 ceived the award;

4 (4) Wilma G. Rudolph, a graduate of Tennessee
5 State University, a successful businessperson, a
6 mother, an athlete, a coach, and a teacher, who
7 passed away on November 12, 1994, will forever re-
8 main an inspiration to all able-bodied and physically-
9 challenged individuals in overcoming odds;

10 (5) Wilma G. Rudolph blazed a trail that
11 helped all people understand the contributions of
12 women to the world of athletics;

13 (6) the legacy of Wilma G. Rudolph continues
14 to serve as a particular inspiration to women; and

15 (7) Wilma G. Rudolph's life truly embodied the
16 American values of hard work, determination, and
17 love of humanity.

18 SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

19 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
20 authorized to award to the family of Wilma G. Rudolph,
21 on behalf of Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design
22 honoring Wilma G. Rudolph (posthumously) in recognition
23 of her outstanding and enduring contributions to human-
24 ity and to women's athletics, in the United States and the
25 world.

1 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
2 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
3 Treasury (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall
4 strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and
5 inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

6 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

7 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
8 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
9 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,
10 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, includ-
11 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
12 penses, and the cost of the gold medal.

13 **SEC. 4. STATUS AS NATIONAL MEDALS.**

14 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
15 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
16 States Code.

17 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

18 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
19 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
20 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000
21 to pay for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

22 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
23 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be

1 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
2 Fund.

