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# S. 1465

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## 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

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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. 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.

