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To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Robert H. Schuller, Pastor
of the Crystal Cathedral.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2005

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California (for herself and Mr. ROYCE) introduced
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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Schuller, Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral.

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 “Dr. Robert Schuller
5 Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Dr. Robert H. Schuller was born on Sep-
9 tember 16, 1926 in Alton, Iowa.

1 (2) Robert Schuller received his Bachelor of
2 Arts degree from Hope College in 1947, and his
3 Bachelor of Divinity in 1950 from Western Theo-
4 logical Seminary, both located in Holland, Michigan.

5 (3) In 1955, Robert Schuller became Pastor of
6 the Garden Grove Community Church, now known
7 as the Crystal Cathedral, where he remains Pastor
8 today.

9 (4) In 1970, Robert Schuller founded the Hour
10 of Power television ministry, a program which is now
11 broadcast to hundreds of countries around the
12 world, and is shown on 185 stations in the U.S. and
13 Canada alone.

14 (5) Robert Schuller is also the founder of the
15 Institute for Successful Church Leadership—which
16 has 20,000 graduates of various Protestant and
17 Catholic denominations—as well as the Christian
18 Counseling Service, the Correspondence Center for
19 Possibility Thinkers, and the Robert Schuller Inter-
20 national School of Christian Communication.

21 (6) The growth and success of the Garden
22 Grove congregation led, in 1980, to the construction
23 of the 2,736-seat Crystal Cathedral, designed by re-
24 nowned architect Philip Johnson.

1 (7) In 1989, Robert Schuller was invited by Mi-
2 khail Gorbachev to deliver a message on television to
3 200 million viewers in the Soviet Union, the first
4 broadcast of its kind in the officially atheistic
5 U.S.S.R.

6 (8) In 1995, Robert Schuller was invited by
7 President Clinton to represent the United States as
8 part of the official Presidential Delegation attending
9 Prime Minister Rabin's funeral in Israel.

10 (9) The author of 36 books, Dr. Schuller has
11 reached the New York Times and Publisher's Week-
12 ly best seller list 6 times.

13 (10) Through his ministry, Dr. Schuller has
14 reached out to other Christian denominations, as
15 well as to other religious communities.

16 (11) For his work, Dr. Schuller has been recog-
17 nized with such awards as the Peace Maker Award
18 for 1990 from the Olender Foundation, and the
19 20th Annual Humanitarian Award (in 1996), pre-
20 sented by the National Conference of Christians and
21 Jews.

22 (12) Dr. Schuller has delivered a positive mes-
23 sage of strength and hope to people of all nationali-
24 ties, races, creeds and faiths. As a pastor, speaker,

1 motivator and author he has reached millions of peo-
2 ple in this country and across the globe.

3 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

4 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
5 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
6 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
7 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
8 medal of appropriate design in commemoration of Dr.
9 Robert H. Schuller, Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral.

10 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
11 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
12 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
13 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
14 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
15 Secretary.

16 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

17 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
18 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
19 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
20 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
21 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
22 and the cost of the gold medal.

1 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

2 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck under
3 this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51
4 of title 31, United States Code.

5 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
6 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
7 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

8 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
9 **SALE.**

10 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
11 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
12 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
13 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
14 to this Act.

15 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
16 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
17 3 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
18 Enterprise Fund.

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