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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. HYDE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. SABO, Mr. WALSH, and Mrs. MALONEY) 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 “The Fourteenth Dalai
5 Lama Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds that Tenzin Gyatso, the Four-
3 teenth Dalai Lama—

4 (1) is recognized in the United States and
5 throughout the world as a leading figure of moral
6 and religious authority;

7 (2) is the unrivaled spiritual and cultural leader
8 of the Tibetan people, and has used his leadership
9 to promote democracy, freedom and peace for the
10 Tibetan people through a negotiated settlement of
11 the Tibet issue, based on autonomy within the Peo-
12 ple's Republic of China;

13 (3) has led the effort to preserve the rich cul-
14 tural, religious and linguistic heritage of the Tibetan
15 people and promote the safeguarding of other endan-
16 gered cultures throughout the world;

17 (4) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989
18 for his efforts to promote peace and nonviolence
19 throughout the globe and to find democratic rec-
20 onciliation for the Tibetan people through his “Mid-
21 dle Way” approach;

22 (5) has significantly advanced the goal of great-
23 er understanding, tolerance, harmony and respect
24 among the different religious faiths of the world
25 through interfaith dialogue and outreach to other re-
26 ligious leaders; and

1 (6) has used his moral authority to promote the
2 concept of universal responsibility as a guiding tenet
3 for how human beings should treat one another and
4 the planet we share.

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

6 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
7 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-
8 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
9 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
10 medal of appropriate design, to Tenzin Gyatso, the Four-
11 teenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many and endur-
12 ing contributions to peace and religious understanding.

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

19 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

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

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

2 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
3 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
4 51 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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