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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. COBLE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. KUHLMANN of New York, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. KLINE, Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, Ms. HART, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. HALL, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Ms. CARSON, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, and Mr. DENT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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       The Congress finds as follows:

5               (1) On September 11, 2001, United Airlines  
6       Flight 93, piloted by Captain James Dahl, departed

1 from Newark International Airport at 8:01 a.m. on  
2 its scheduled route to San Francisco, California,  
3 with 7 crew members and 33 passengers on board.

4 (2) Shortly after departure, United Airlines  
5 Flight 93 was hijacked by terrorists.

6 (3) At 10:37 a.m., United Airlines Flight 93  
7 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

8 (4) Evidence indicates that people aboard  
9 United Airlines Flight 93 learned that other hi-  
10 jacked planes had been used to attack the World  
11 Trade Center in New York City and resisted the ac-  
12 tions of the hijackers on board.

13 (5) The effort to resist the hijackers aboard  
14 United Airlines Flight 93 appears to have caused  
15 the plane to crash prematurely, potentially saving  
16 hundreds or thousands of lives and preventing the  
17 destruction of the White House, the Capitol, or an-  
18 other important symbol of freedom and democracy.

19 (6) The passengers and crew aboard United  
20 Airlines Flight 93 demonstrated exceptional bravery,  
21 valor, and patriotism, and are worthy of the appre-  
22 ciation of the people of the United States.

23 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

24 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of  
25 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-

1 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements  
2 for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of the Con-  
3 gress, of a gold medal to the next of kin or personal rep-  
4 resentative of each passenger or crew member on board  
5 United Airlines Flight 93 who is identified by the Attorney  
6 General as having aided in the effort to resist the hijackers  
7 on board the plane, in recognition of heroic service to the  
8 Nation.

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

15 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

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

22 **SEC. 4. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

23 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-  
24 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter  
25 51 of title 31, United States Code.

1 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
2 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck  
3 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

4 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**  
5 **SALE.**

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

11 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the  
12 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section  
13 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public  
14 Enterprise Fund.

