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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. WYNN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. CARSON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CLAY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. OWENS) 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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Although Tiger Woods is only 27 years old
6 and in his 9th full year as a professional golfer, he

1 has won 55 tournaments (40 of which were on the
2 PGA TOUR), including 1997, 2001, and 2002 Mas-
3 ters tournaments, 1999 and 2000 PGA Champion-
4 ships, 2000 and 2002 U.S. Open championships,
5 and the 2000 British Open championship.

6 (2) Tiger Woods is the 5th player in history to
7 win all 4 major championships (Masters, PGA
8 Championship, U.S. Open, and British Open), join-
9 ing the ranks of Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary
10 Player, and Jack Nicklaus.

11 (3) With his second Masters victory in 2001,
12 Tiger Woods became the first player ever to hold all
13 4 major championships at the same time.

14 (4) Tiger Woods is the career victories leader
15 among active players on the PGA TOUR, and is the
16 career money list leader.

17 (5) Tiger Woods can be compared with Jack
18 Nicklaus as being one of the greatest golfers of all
19 time.

20 (6) Tiger Woods has changed the standard by
21 which we judge excellence in golf.

22 (7) Tiger Woods has broken barriers with grace
23 and dignity by showing that golf is a sport for all
24 people, regardless of race, color, or creed.

1 (8) Tiger Woods has inspired countless people
2 of all ages, impressing upon them that their hopes,
3 dreams, and prayers may be achieved through hard
4 work, persistence, education, and good sportsman-
5 ship.

6 (9) Tiger Woods established the Tiger Woods
7 Foundation in 1996, which financially supports com-
8 munities and organizations that nurture family val-
9 ues and adults' involvement in children's lives.

10 (10) The Tiger Woods Foundation hosts clinics,
11 which give thousands of youngsters golf lessons and
12 draw attention and support to the organizations that
13 allow inner-city children access to golf.

14 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

15 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
16 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-
17 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
18 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
19 medal of appropriate design to Tiger Woods in recognition
20 of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and
21 good sportsmanship, and in breaking barriers with grace
22 and dignity by showing that golf is a sport for all people.

23 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
24 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
25 of the Treasury (in this Act referred to as the “Sec-

1 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
 2 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Sec-
 3 retary.

4 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

5 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
 6 scribe, the Secretary may strike duplicate medals in
 7 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2 and
 8 sell such duplicate medals at a price sufficient to cover
 9 the costs of the duplicate medals (including labor, mate-
 10 rials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses) and the
 11 cost of the gold medal.

12 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

13 The medals struck under this Act are national medals
 14 for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

15 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF CHARGES AGAINST FUND; PRO-**
 16 **CEEDS OF SALE.**

17 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF CHARGES.—There is author-
 18 ized to be charged against the United States Mint Public
 19 Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay
 20 for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

21 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
 22 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
 23 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
 24 Fund.