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To posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of passengers and crew members aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who resisted the hijackers and caused the plane to crash.

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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 departed from Newark International Air-
7 port at 8:01 a.m. on its scheduled route to San
8 Francisco, California, with 7 crew members and 33
9 passengers on board.

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

12 (3) At 10:03 a.m., United Airlines Flight 93
13 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

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

19 (5) The effort to resist the hijackers aboard
20 United Airlines Flight 93 appears to have caused
21 the plane to crash prematurely, potentially saving
22 hundreds or thousands of lives and preventing the
23 destruction of the White House, the Capitol, or an-
24 other important symbol of freedom and democracy.

1 (6) The passengers and crew aboard United
2 Airlines Flight 93 demonstrated exceptional bravery,
3 valor, and patriotism, and are worthy of the appre-
4 ciation of the people of the United States.

5 **SEC. 2. 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 posthumous presentation, on behalf of the Con-
10 gress, of a single gold medal of appropriate design in
11 honor of the passengers and crew members, collectively,
12 on board United Airlines Flight 93 in recognition of their
13 heroic service to the Nation.

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

20 (c) DISPLAY.—Following the award of the gold medal
21 under subsection (a), the gold medal shall be given to the
22 Flight 93 National Memorial located in Stonycreek Town-
23 ship, Somerset County, in Pennsylvania, where it will be
24 displayed as appropriate and made available for research.

1 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

2 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
3 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
4 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
5 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
6 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
7 and the cost of the gold medal.

8 **SEC. 4. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

9 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
10 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
11 51 of title 31, United States Code.

12 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
13 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
14 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
15 items.

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

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

23 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
24 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section

- 1 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
- 2 Enterprise Fund.

