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# H. R. 1244

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2009

Mr. BACA 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       Congress finds the following:

5               (1) Although Tiger Woods is only 33 years old  
6       and is going on his 13th full year as a professional  
7       golfer, he has won 87 tournaments (65 of which

1        were on the Professional Golf Association (PGA)  
2        tour), including the 1997, 2001, 2002, and 2005  
3        Masters Tournaments, the 1999, 2000, 2006, and  
4        2007 PGA Championships, the 2000, 2002, and  
5        2008 U.S. Open championships, and the 2000,  
6        2005, and 2006 British Open Championships.

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

12           (3) With his second Masters victory in 2001,  
13       Tiger Woods became the first player ever to hold all  
14       4 major championships at the same time.

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

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

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

24           (7) Tiger Woods has inspired countless people  
25       of all ages, impressing upon them that their hopes,

1 dreams, and prayers may be achieved through hard  
2 work, persistence, education, and good sportsman-  
3 ship.

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

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

12 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

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

21 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the  
22 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
23 of the Treasury (in this Act referred to as the “Sec-  
24 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,

1 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Sec-  
 2 retary.

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

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

11 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

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

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

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

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