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To award a congressional gold medal to Greg Mortenson, in recognition
of his humanitarian work in Asia and elsewhere.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BONO MACK (for herself, Mr. MACK, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. DENT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. TERRY, Mr. BACHUS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. HOLT, Mr. PETRI, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. TURNER, Mr. FARR, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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in recognition of his humanitarian work in Asia and
elsewhere.

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:

1 (1) Greg Mortenson has worked tirelessly to
2 build schools in rural areas of Pakistan and Afghan-
3 istan for children, especially girls, for over 15 years.

4 (2) Greg Mortenson has uniquely worked with
5 local village and tribal leaders to develop schools in
6 a community-led manner that respects local customs.

7 (3) Greg Mortenson has promoted education as
8 a key to building peace in the Middle East.

9 (4) Greg Mortenson has overcome great adver-
10 sity to continue his important life work of promoting
11 education in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

12 (5) Greg Mortenson established the Central
13 Asian Institute in 1996, to assist in promoting pub-
14 lic health and conservation in northern Pakistan, Af-
15 ghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Mongolia.

16 (6) Greg Mortenson established the Pennies for
17 Peace program to educate American children on the
18 world and how they can make a positive impact “one
19 penny at a time”.

20 (7) Greg Mortenson has received many pres-
21 tigious honors and awards, including Pakistan’s
22 highest civil award, the Sitara-e-Pakistan (“Star of
23 Pakistan”), for his humanitarian efforts.

24 (8) Greg Mortenson has earned global recogni-
25 tion for his peace-building, humanitarian efforts, es-

1 pecially through his best selling non-fiction book,
2 “Three Cups of Tea”, and his new book, “Stones
3 into Schools”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

5 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
6 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
7 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
8 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
9 medal of appropriate design to Greg Mortenson, in rec-
10 ognition of his humanitarian work in Asia and elsewhere.

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

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

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

1 **SEC. 4. 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 sections
6 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
7 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
8 items.

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

11 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There
12 are authorized to be charged against the United States
13 Mint Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as may be
14 necessary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursu-
15 ant to this Act.

16 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
17 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
18 3 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
19 Enterprise Fund.

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