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# H. R. 6534

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2010

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## A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “National Baseball Hall  
 5        of Fame Commemorative Coin Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        The Congress finds the following:

8                (1) On June 12, 1939, the National Baseball  
 9        Hall of Fame and Museum opened in Cooperstown,

1 New York. Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Christy  
2 Mathewson, Babe Ruth, and Honus Wagner com-  
3 prised the inaugural class of inductees. This class  
4 set the standard for all future inductees. Since  
5 1939, just one percent of all Major League Baseball  
6 players have earned induction into the National  
7 Baseball Hall of Fame.

8 (2) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and  
9 Museum is dedicated to preserving history, honoring  
10 excellence, and connecting generations through the  
11 rich history of our national pastime. Baseball has  
12 mirrored our nation's history since the Civil War,  
13 and is now an integral part of our nation's heritage.

14 (3) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and  
15 Museum chronicles the history of our national pas-  
16 time and houses the world's largest collection of  
17 baseball artifacts, including more than 38,000 3 di-  
18 mensional artifacts, 3,000,000 documents, 500,000  
19 photographs, and 12,000 hours of recorded media.  
20 This collection ensures that baseball history and its  
21 unique connection to American history will be pre-  
22 served and recounted for future generations.

23 (4) Since its opening in 1939, more than  
24 14,000,000 baseball fans have visited the National  
25 Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum to learn about

1 the history of our national pastime and the game’s  
2 connection to the American experience.

3 (5) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and  
4 Museum is an educational institution, reaching  
5 10,000,000 Americans annually. Utilizing video con-  
6 ference technology, students and teachers participate  
7 in interactive lessons led by educators from the Na-  
8 tional Baseball Hall of Fame Museum. These award-  
9 winning educational programs draw upon the won-  
10 ders of baseball to reach students in classrooms na-  
11 tionwide. Each educational program uses baseball as  
12 a lens for teaching young Americans important les-  
13 sons on an array of topics, including mathematics,  
14 geography, civil rights, women’s history, economics,  
15 industrial technology, arts, and communication.

16 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

17 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration  
18 of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the Secretary of  
19 the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-  
20 retary”) shall mint and issue the following coins:

21 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5  
22 coins, which shall—

23 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

24 (B) have diameter of 0.850 inches; and

1 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
2 alloy.

3 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000  
4 \$1 coins, which shall—

5 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

6 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

7 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-  
8 cent copper.

9 (3) HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more  
10 than 750,000 half dollar coins which shall—

11 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

12 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

13 (C) be minted to the specifications for half  
14 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title  
15 31, United States Code.

16 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this  
17 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of  
18 title 31, United States Code.

19 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
20 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins  
21 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
22 matic items.

23 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
24 gress that coins minted under this Act should be produced  
25 in a domed fashion similar to the 2009 International Year

1 of Astronomy coins issued by Monnaie de Paris, the  
2 French Mint, and that if it is impractical to produce all  
3 coins minted under this Act in such fashion, at a minimum  
4 the proof versions of the coins minted in gold and silver  
5 should be minted in such fashion.

6 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

7 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
9 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
10 game of baseball and of its place in American sports  
11 and the American way of life.

12 (2) DESIGNATIONS AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
13 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

14 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

15 (B) an inscription of the year “2015”; and

16 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

17 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
18 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

19 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
20 under this Act shall be—

21 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
22 with the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the  
23 Commission of Fine Arts and in accordance with  
24 subparagraph (c); and

1           (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
2           Committee.

3           (c) **OBVERSE DESIGN COMPETITION.**—The Secretary  
4 shall hold a competition and provide compensation for its  
5 winner to design the obverse of the coins minted under  
6 this Act. The competition shall be held in the following  
7 manner:

8           (1) The competition shall be judged by an ex-  
9           pert jury chaired by the Secretary and consisting of  
10          3 members from the Citizens Coinage Advisory Com-  
11          mittee who shall be elected by such Committee and  
12          3 members from the Commission of Fine Arts who  
13          shall be elected by such Commission.

14          (2) The Secretary shall determine compensation  
15          for the winning design, which shall be not less than  
16          \$5,000.

17          (3) The Secretary may not accept a design for  
18          the competition unless a plaster model accompanies  
19          the design.

20          (d) **REVERSE DESIGN.**—The design on the reverse of  
21 the coins minted under this Act shall depict a baseball  
22 similar to those used by Major League Baseball.

23 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

24          (a) **QUALITY OF COINS.**—Coins minted under this  
25 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

1 (b) MINT FACILITIES.—Any facility of the United  
2 States Mint may be used to strike uncirculated and half-  
3 dollar coins, but only the United States Mint facility at  
4 West Point, New York, may be used to strike coins in  
5 proof quality.

6 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
7 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year  
8 period beginning on January 1, 2015.

9 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

10 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act  
11 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum  
12 of—

13 (1) the face value of the coins;

14 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with  
15 respect to such coins; and

16 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
17 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
18 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

19 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
20 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
21 discount.

22 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
24 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
25 before the issuance of such coins.



1           (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
2           paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
3           sonable discount.

4 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

5           (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under  
6 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

7           (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

8           (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

9           (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half dol-  
10          lar coin.

11          (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
12 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
13 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
14 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the National  
15 Baseball Hall of Fame to help finance its operations.

16          (c) AUDITS.—The National Baseball Hall of Fame  
17 shall be subject to the audit requirements of section  
18 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard  
19 to the amounts received under subsection (b).

20          (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
21 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
22 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
23 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
24 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-  
25 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual com-

1 memorative coin program issuance limitation under sec-  
2 tion 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in ef-  
3 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-  
4 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out  
5 this subsection.

6 **SEC. 8. BUDGET COMPLIANCE.**

7       The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
8 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
9 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
10 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
11 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
12 by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the  
13 House of Representatives, provided that such statement  
14 has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

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