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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the opening of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HAGAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Civil
5 Rights Center and Museum Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) on February 1, 1960, 4 African-American
9 students of North Carolina Agricultural and Tech-
10 nical State University sat at a white-only lunch

1 counter inside a Greensboro, North Carolina, F.W.
2 Woolworth's store;

3 (2) the Greensboro sit-in catalyzed a wave of
4 nonviolent protest against private-sector segregation
5 in the United States that became a hallmark of the
6 American civil rights movement;

7 (3) by August of 1961, more than 70,000 peo-
8 ple had participated in sit-ins and sit-down dem-
9 onstrations in more than 60 cities throughout the
10 Southeast;

11 (4) the International Civil Rights Center and
12 Museum is located at the site of the F.W. Wool-
13 worth's store where the sit-in movement began;

14 (5) the International Civil Rights Center and
15 Museum will serve as an archival center and teach-
16 ing facility exploring the international struggle for
17 civil and human rights, preserving the legacy of the
18 movement for the Nation and future generations;
19 and

20 (6) the International Civil Rights Center and
21 Museum will officially open on February 1, 2010,
22 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the begin-
23 ning of the sit-in movement.

1 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

2 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
3 ury (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint
4 and issue not more than 1,000 \$1 coins in commemoration
5 of the opening of the International Civil Rights Center and
6 Museum, each of which shall—

7 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

8 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

9 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
10 copper.

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

14 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
15 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
16 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
17 matic items.

18 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

19 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
21 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
22 International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

23 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
24 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

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

26 (B) an inscription of the year “2010”; and

1 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
2 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
3 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

4 (b) SELECTION.—The design of the coins minted
5 under this Act shall be—

6 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation
7 with the International Civil Rights Center and Mu-
8 seum and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

9 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
10 Committee.

11 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

14 (b) MINT FACILITY.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Only 1 facility of the United
16 States Mint by be used to strike any particular qual-
17 ity of the coins minted under this Act.

18 (2) USE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT AT
19 WEST POINT, NEW YORK.—It is the sense of Con-
20 gress that the coins minted under this Act should be
21 struck at the United States Mint at West Point,
22 New York, to the greatest extent possible.

23 (c) PERIOD FOR MINTING.—The Secretary may mint
24 coins under this Act only during the calendar year begin-
25 ning on January 1, 2010.

1 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

5 (1) the face value of the coins;

6 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7 with re-
7 spect to such coins; and

8 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
9 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
10 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

14 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

18 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
19 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be a reason-
20 able discount.

21 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
23 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

24 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
25 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
26 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act

1 shall be paid to the International Civil Rights Center and
2 Museum, to be made available for program development
3 and research.

4 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United
5 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,
6 documents, and other data of the International Civil
7 Rights Center and Museum as may be related to the ex-
8 penditures of amounts paid under subsection (b).

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