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To provide for the issuance of coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee (for himself and Ms. KAPTUR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “National Park Service
5 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In 1916, Congress established the National
9 Park Service as a bureau within the Department of
10 the Interior to administer America’s great national

1 parks and monuments as a unified National Park
2 System.

3 (2) From 1916 to the present, the National
4 Park System has grown from 37 park units with
5 6,000,000 acres of land in the western United
6 States to more than 395 units with 84,000,000
7 acres of land in nearly all States and territories.

8 (3) The responsibilities of the National Park
9 Service have grown to include—

10 (A) managing national historic trails and
11 national scenic trails;

12 (B) administering wild and scenic rivers;

13 (C) recognizing America's most significant
14 historic resources through the National Register
15 of Historic Places and the National Historic
16 Landmark program;

17 (D) providing historic preservation grants;
18 and

19 (E) assisting communities in meeting their
20 preservation, conservation, and recreation
21 needs.

22 (4) The National Park Service Organic Act of
23 1916, which established the National Park Service,
24 remains the preeminent law guiding the manage-
25 ment of parks and articulating the Service's core

1 mission, “to conserve the scenery and the natural
2 and historic objects and the wild life therein and to
3 provide for the enjoyment of the same in such man-
4 ner and by such means as will leave them
5 unimpaired for the enjoyment of future genera-
6 tions”.

7 (5) The 100th anniversary of the National Park
8 Service in 2016 will be an occasion to celebrate a
9 century of American vision and achievement in iden-
10 tifying and preserving our Nation’s special places for
11 the benefit of everyone and the culmination of 100
12 years of accomplishment by the National Park Serv-
13 ice’s employees, partners, and volunteers. It will also
14 mark the beginning of the organization’s second cen-
15 tury of service to the American people as environ-
16 mental leaders and vigilant stewards of the Nation’s
17 treasured places and stories.

18 (6) Coins commemorating the 100th anniver-
19 sary of the National Park Service will bring national
20 and international attention to the National Park
21 System and to the legacy Congress left in 1916
22 when it established a Federal agency to ensure the
23 protection of our Nation’s most treasured natural
24 and cultural resources for all time.

1 (7) The proceeds from a surcharge on the sale
2 of commemorative coins will assist the financing of
3 the needs of the National Park Service's parks and
4 programs, helping to ensure that our Nation's great
5 natural and cultural resources will endure for gen-
6 erations to come.

7 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

8 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
9 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
10 shall mint and issue the following coins:

11 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 100,000
12 \$5 coins, which shall—

13 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

14 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

15 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
16 alloy.

17 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000
18 \$1 coins, which shall—

19 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

21 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
22 cent copper.

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

25 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

1 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and
2 (C) be minted to the specifications for half
3 dollar coins, contained in section 5112(b) of
4 title 31, United States Code.

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

8 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
9 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
10 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
11 matic items.

12 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

13 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
15 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
16 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

17 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
18 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

19 (A) a designation of the face value of the
20 coin;

21 (B) an inscription of the year “2016”; and

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

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

3 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
4 with—

5 (A) the National Park Service;

6 (B) the National Park Foundation; and

7 (C) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

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

10 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

13 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
14 issue coins minted under this Act only during the period
15 beginning on January 1, 2016, and ending on December
16 31, 2016.

17 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

21 (1) the face value of the coins;

22 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with
23 respect to the coins; and

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

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

7 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

14 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

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

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

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

21 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
23 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which
24 are received by the Secretary from the sale of coins
25 issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by the

1 Secretary to the National Park Foundation for
2 projects and programs that help preserve and pro-
3 tect resources under the stewardship of the National
4 Park Service and promote public enjoyment and ap-
5 preciation of those resources.

6 (2) PROHIBITION ON LAND ACQUISITION.—Sur-
7 charges paid to the National Park Foundation pur-
8 suant to paragraph (1) may not be used for land ac-
9 quisition.

10 (c) AUDITS.—The National Park Foundation shall be
11 subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of
12 title 31, United States Code, with regard to the amounts
13 received by the Foundation under subsection (b).

14 (d) LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
15 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
16 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
17 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
18 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
19 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
20 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
21 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
22 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
23 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
24 this subsection.

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