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To award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Stewart Lee Udall,
in recognition of his contributions to the nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CLAY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. CHU, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. STARK, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. MORAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. KIND, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. FARR, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KUCINICH, and Mr. REICHERT) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stewart Lee Udall
3 Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Stewart Lee Udall was born on January 31,
7 1920, in Saint Johns, Arizona, the son of former Ar-
8 izona Supreme Court Justice Levi Stewart Udall
9 and Louise Lee Udall.

10 (2) Stewart L. Udall began serving his country
11 in 1942, when he joined the United States Army Air
12 Corps (predecessor of the United States Air Force)
13 in World War II, serving as an enlisted B24 waist
14 gunner in Italy. He flew more than 50 missions over
15 Western Europe over four years, receiving the Air
16 Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

17 (3) After coming home from war, Stewart L.
18 Udall returned to the University of Arizona where
19 he received a bachelors and law degree and was ad-
20 mitted to the Arizona State Bar. After graduating
21 from law school, he began his own private practice
22 and eventually established the law firm of Udall and
23 Udall with his brother Morris K. Udall.

24 (4) Stewart L. Udall’s first elected office was as
25 a member of the Amphitheater School Board (1951),
26 where he participated in desegregating the Amphi-

1 theater School District before the United States Su-
2 preme Court ruling in Brown v. Board of Education.

3 (5) Beginning in 1954, Stewart L. Udall was
4 elected to serve four terms as United States Rep-
5 resentative from Arizona's second district.

6 (6) Upon the 1960 Presidential election, Presi-
7 dent Kennedy appointed Stewart L. Udall as Sec-
8 retary of the Interior. He maintained this position
9 for eight years, where his accomplishments under
10 Presidents Kennedy and Johnson made him a hero
11 for the environmental and conservation communities.

12 (7) Among the legislative accomplishments dur-
13 ing his cabinet career, Stewart L. Udall helped guide
14 numerous landmark environmental measures
15 through Congress, including the Wilderness Act of
16 1964, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
17 of 1965, the Endangered Species Preservation Act
18 of 1966, the National Trail System Act of 1968, the
19 Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1965, the Wild and Sce-
20 nic Rivers Act of 1968, and the Clear Air, Water
21 Quality and Clean Water Restoration Acts and
22 Amendments.

23 (8) Furthermore, Secretary Udall was a co-
24 author of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.
25 This legislation created several new social programs

1 that helped promote the health, education, and gen-
2 eral welfare of the impoverished. Some of the pro-
3 grams remaining today include Head Start and the
4 Job Corps.

5 (9) As Secretary of the Interior in the Kennedy
6 and Johnson administrations, Stewart L. Udall ex-
7 panded the National Park Service by presiding over
8 the acquisition of 3.85 million acres of new holdings,
9 including 4 national parks (Canyonlands in Utah,
10 Redwood in California, North Cascades in Wash-
11 ington State, and Guadalupe Mountains in Texas),
12 6 national monuments, 9 national recreation areas,
13 20 historic sites, 50 wildlife refuges, and 8 national
14 seashores.

15 (10) Furthermore, Stewart L. Udall established
16 the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to coordinate all
17 Federal outdoor programs.

18 (11) In September 1966, Secretary Stewart
19 Udall announced the creation of Project EROS,
20 which led the United States to state of the art
21 science and technology that includes Landsat, the
22 longest running acquisition of satellite imagery.
23 Project EROS began as a revolutionary program
24 that utilized earth-orbiting satellites that map the

1 planet to gather data about the Earth's natural re-
2 sources along with changes in weather and climate.

3 (12) During his tenure as Secretary of the Inte-
4 rior, Stewart L. Udall also became a champion of
5 the arts, convincing President Kennedy to invite the
6 renowned poet Robert Frost to speak at his inau-
7 guration and setting in motion initiatives that led to
8 the creation of the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap
9 Farm Park, the National Endowments for the Arts
10 and the Humanities, and the revived Ford's Theatre.

11 (13) Additionally, while Stewart L. Udall was
12 Secretary of the Interior, he continued to fight
13 against segregation, when he threatened to refuse
14 the all-white Washington Redskins access to the new
15 DC stadium, of which he was the Federal landlord.

16 (14) After he left government service, Stewart
17 L. Udall continued helping the American people by
18 becoming a crusader for victims of radiation expo-
19 sure (particularly Native Americans) resulting from
20 the government's Cold War nuclear programs. He
21 helped to pass the Radiation Exposure Compensa-
22 tion Act in 1990, which was signed by President
23 George Bush.

24 (15) Moreover, Stewart L. Udall was a prolific
25 writer, penning countless articles, essays, and op-

1 eds. He also co-authored nine books, and wrote nine
2 of his own, including the seminal title in the con-
3 servation movement, “The Quiet Crisis”.

4 (16) Among his many honors, Stewart L. Udall
5 was a recipient of the Ansel Adams Award, the Wil-
6 derness Society’s highest conservation award, the
7 Common Cause Public Service Achievement Award
8 for his lifelong protection of the environment and
9 the defense of American citizens who were victims of
10 nuclear weapons testing, and the United Nations
11 Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement.

12 (17) Until his passing in 2010, Stewart L.
13 Udall continued his devotion to public service as an
14 author, historian, scholar, lecturer, environmental
15 activist, lawyer, and citizen of the outdoors.

16 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

17 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
18 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
19 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
20 for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of the Con-
21 gress, of a gold medal of appropriate design in commemo-
22 ration of Stewart Lee Udall, in recognition of his contribu-
23 tions to the nation.

24 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
25 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary

1 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
2 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
3 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
4 retary.

5 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

6 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
7 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3
8 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
9 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
10 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
11 and the cost of the gold medal.

12 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

13 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
14 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
15 51 of title 31, United States Code.

16 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
17 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
18 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

19 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
20 **SALE.**

21 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
22 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
23 Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as may be nec-
24 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
25 to this Act.

1 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
2 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
3 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
4 Enterprise Fund.

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