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To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Sally K. Ride in recognition of her exemplary service as an astronaut, physicist, and science education advocate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS of California (for himself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BERA of California, Ms. CHU, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. HALL, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. HAHN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida) 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 “Sally K. Ride Congres-
5 sional Gold Medal Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On June 18, 1983, as a crew member of the
4 Space Shuttle Challenger STS–7 mission, Dr. Sally
5 K. Ride became the first American woman to travel
6 into space.

7 (2) Dr. Ride traveled to space on October 5,
8 1984, as a crew member of STS 41–G.

9 (3) Following the Space Shuttle Challenger dis-
10 aster in 1986, Dr. Ride served as a member of the
11 Presidential commission investigating the accident.

12 (4) Dr. Ride also served on the Space Shuttle
13 Columbia Accident Investigation Board in 2003, and
14 was the only person to have served on both the
15 Space Shuttle Challenger and the Space Shuttle Co-
16 lumbia accident investigation boards.

17 (5) In addition to her service as a National Aer-
18 onautics and Space Administration (NASA) astro-
19 naut, Dr. Ride was a Ph.D. physicist and served as
20 a professor of physics and the Director of the Cali-
21 fornia Space Institute at the University of Cali-
22 fornia, San Diego.

23 (6) In 2001, to further her long-time passion of
24 motivating girls and young women to pursue careers
25 in science, technology, engineering, and mathe-
26 matics, Dr. Ride founded Sally Ride Science, a com-

1 pany that creates entertaining science programs and
2 publications for elementary and middle school stu-
3 dents.

4 (7) Dr. Ride served as a member of the Presi-
5 dent's Council of Advisors on Science and Tech-
6 nology and the Space Studies Board of the National
7 Research Council.

8 (8) The exemplary service of Dr. Ride as a
9 NASA astronaut, physicist, and science education
10 advocate inspired a generation of Americans.

11 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

12 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
13 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
14 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
15 for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of the Con-
16 gress, of a gold medal of appropriate design in commemo-
17 ration of Sally K. Ride in recognition of her exemplary
18 service as an astronaut, physicist, and science education
19 advocate.

20 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
21 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
22 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
23 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
24 Secretary.

1 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

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

8 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

9 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck under
10 this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51
11 of title 31, United States Code.

12 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
13 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
14 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
15 items.

16 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
17 **SALE.**

18 (a) AUTHORIZATION TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—
19 There is authorized to be charged against the United
20 States Mint Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as
21 may be necessary to pay for the cost of the medals struck
22 pursuant to this Act.

23 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
24 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 4 shall be

- 1 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
- 2 Fund.

