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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2013

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BROWN) 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Jack Nicklaus is a world-famous golf pro-
6 fessional, a highly successful business executive, a
7 prominent advertising spokesman, a passionate and
8 dedicated philanthropist, a devoted husband, father,

1 and grandfather, and a man with a common touch
2 that has made him one of the most popular and ac-
3 cessible public figures in history.

4 (2) Jack Nicklaus amassed 120 victories in pro-
5 fessional competition of national or international
6 stature, 73 of which came on the Professional Golf
7 Association (in this Act referred to as the “PGA”)
8 Tour. His record 18 professional major champion-
9 ship titles, which began more than 50 years ago,
10 with his win at the 1962 U.S. Open as a 22-year-
11 old rookie, remains the standard by which all golfers
12 are measured. He is the only player in golf history
13 to have won each major championship at least 3
14 times, and is the only player to complete a career
15 “Grand Slam” on both the regular and senior tours.
16 He also owns the record for most major champion-
17 ships as a senior, with 8.

18 (3) Jack Nicklaus’ magnetic personality and
19 unfailing sense of kindness and thoughtfulness have
20 endeared him to millions throughout the world.

21 (4) Jack Nicklaus has been the recipient of
22 countless athletic honors, including being named In-
23 dividual Male Athlete of the Century by Sports Illus-
24 trated, one of the 10 Greatest Athletes of the Cen-
25 tury by ESPN, and Golfer of the Century or Golfer

1 of the Millennium by every major national and inter-
 2 national media outlet. He received the Muhammad
 3 Ali Sports Legend Award and the first-ever ESPY
 4 Lifetime Achievement Award. He became the first
 5 golfer and only the third athlete to receive the Vince
 6 Lombardi Award of Excellence, and is also a 5-time
 7 winner of the PGA Player of the Year Award. He
 8 was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame at
 9 the age of 34.

10 (5) Jack Nicklaus has received numerous addi-
 11 tional honors, including several golf industry awards
 12 for his work and contributions as a golf course de-
 13 signer, such as the Old Tom Morris Award, which
 14 is the highest honor given by the Golf Course Super-
 15 intendents Association of America, and both the
 16 Donald Ross Award given by the American Society
 17 of Golf Course Architects and the Don A. Rossi
 18 Award given by the Golf Course Builders Association
 19 of America. Golf Inc. Magazine named him the Most
 20 Powerful Person in Golf for a record 6 consecutive
 21 years, due to his impact on various aspects of the in-
 22 dustry through his course design work, marketing
 23 and licensing business, his ambassadorial role in
 24 promoting and growing the game of golf worldwide,

1 and his involvement on a national and global level
2 with various charitable causes.

3 (6) Jack Nicklaus has been involved in the de-
4 sign of more than 290 golf courses worldwide, and
5 his business, Nicklaus Design, has close to 380
6 courses open for play in 36 countries and 39 States.

7 (7) Jack Nicklaus served as the Global Amba-
8 sador for a campaign to include golf in the Olympic
9 Games, which was achieved and will begin in the
10 2016 Olympic program.

11 (8) Jack Nicklaus was honored by President
12 George W. Bush in 2005 by receiving the Presi-
13 dential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given
14 to any United States civilian.

15 (9) Jack Nicklaus has a long-standing commit-
16 ment to numerous charitable causes, such as his
17 founding, along with his wife Barbara, of the
18 Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation, which
19 provides pediatric health care services throughout
20 South Florida and in other parts of the country. The
21 Foundation has raised close to \$24,000,000 since it
22 was formed in 2004, and has provided free-of-charge
23 health assistance and services to more than 4,000
24 children and their families through Child Life pro-
25 grams (supporting therapeutic interventions for chil-

1 dren with chronic and acute conditions during hos-
2 pitalization), Miami Children’s Hospital Nicklaus
3 Care Centers (to offer a new option to Palm Beach
4 County-area families with children who require pedi-
5 atric specialty care), and Safe Kids Program (aimed
6 at keeping children injury-free and offering safety
7 education in an effort to decrease accidental injuries
8 in children). In October 2012, the Miami Children’s
9 Hospital Nicklaus Outpatient Center was opened to
10 provide pediatric urgent care, diagnostic services,
11 and rehabilitation services in Palm Beach County,
12 Florida.

13 (10) Jack Nicklaus also established an annual
14 pro am golf tournament called “The Jake” to honor
15 his 17-month-old grandson who passed away in
16 2005, and it serves as a primary fundraiser for the
17 Nicklaus Children’s Health Care Foundation. The
18 event alone has raised well over \$4,000,000 over the
19 last several years. He has been a tireless supporter
20 of numerous junior golf initiatives, working with the
21 PGA of America Junior Golf Foundation over the
22 course of 4 decades, including the establishment of
23 the Barbara and Jack Nicklaus Junior Golf Endow-
24 ment Fund and the PGA-Nicklaus First Tee Teach-
25 ing Grants. He also is a spokesperson for several

1 PGA of America and USGA growth-of-the-game ini-
2 tiatives. In 2013, Jack Nicklaus, with the support of
3 the National Park and Recreation Association
4 (NRPA), launched the Jack Nicklaus Learning
5 Leagues, taking team-concept golf to our parks sys-
6 tem for children, ages 5 to 12. A nonprofit founda-
7 tion called Global Outreach for Learning Foundation
8 (GOLF) was created to underwrite the program. By
9 the end of 2013, they hope to have the program in
10 more than 100 locations and reach close to 25,000
11 children. He continues to support several scholarship
12 foundations, other children's hospitals, and other
13 causes, including spinal-cord research, pancreatic
14 cancer issues, and Florida Everglades restoration.

15 (11) Jack Nicklaus continues to manage the
16 Memorial Tournament in his home State of Ohio, in
17 which contributions generated through the aid of
18 over 2,600 volunteers are given to support Nation-
19 wide Children's Hospital and close to 75 other Cen-
20 tral Ohio charities. This has garnered more than
21 \$5,700,000 for programs and services at Nationwide
22 Children's Hospital since 1976, so that Central Ohio
23 will continue to have one of the best children's hos-
24 pitals in the United States.

1 (12) Jack Nicklaus serves as an honorary chair
2 of the American Lake Veterans Golf Course in Ta-
3 coma, Washington, which neighbors a Veterans Ad-
4 ministration hospital and is designed for the reha-
5 bilitation of wounded and disabled veterans.
6 Nicklaus has donated his design services for the im-
7 provement of the course, and raised contributions
8 for the addition of 9 new holes (the “Nicklaus
9 Nine”), the construction of the Rehabilitation and
10 Learning Center, and the upgrade of the mainte-
11 nance facilities. The course is considered the only
12 one in the United States designed solely for the use
13 of disabled veterans. It served over 30,000 veterans
14 and their families in 2012 to use the healing powers
15 of golf to help them rehabilitate and recreate. The
16 hope is that American Lake will serve as a pilot pro-
17 gram for the more than 150 Veterans Administra-
18 tion hospitals nationwide.

19 (13) Jack Nicklaus serves as a spokesperson
20 and Trustee for The First Tee program, which
21 brings golf to children who would not otherwise be
22 exposed to it, and teaches them valuable, character-
23 building life lessons through the game of golf, and
24 is a national co-chair of the organization’s More
25 Than a Game campaign.

1 (14) Jack Nicklaus remains active in tour-
2 nament golf, although he retired from major cham-
3 pionship competition in 2005, when he played his
4 final British Open and his final Masters Tour-
5 nament, and led the United States to a thrilling vic-
6 tory in The President's Cup. He consults often with
7 the PGA Tour, and no fewer than 95 Nicklaus
8 courses have hosted a combined total of almost 700
9 professional tournaments. In 2013 alone, Nicklaus
10 courses will host 17 PGA Tour-sanctioned events.
11 His Muirfield Village Golf Club in Ohio will be
12 hosting The President's Cup in October 2013, mak-
13 ing it the only club in history to have hosted all 3
14 of the game's most prominent international team
15 competitions, the Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, and
16 President's Cup. It is also expected that his course
17 at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea in New
18 Songdo City, South Korea, will be named the host
19 venue for the 2015 President's Cup, the first time
20 that country has hosted an international team com-
21 petition of this stature.

22 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Sen-
25 ate shall make appropriate arrangements for the presen-

1 tation, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appro-
2 priate design to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his serv-
3 ice to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sports-
4 manship.

5 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
6 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
7 of the Treasury (in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
8 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
9 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Sec-
10 retary.

11 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

12 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
13 scribe, the Secretary may strike duplicate medals in
14 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2 and
15 sell such duplicate medals at a price sufficient to cover
16 the costs of the duplicate medals (including labor, mate-
17 rials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses) and the
18 cost of the gold medal.

19 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

20 The medals struck under this Act are national medals
21 for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

22 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint

1 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000
2 to pay for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

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

