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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER) 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 “Pat Summitt Congres-
5 sional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Pat Summitt, who has more wins than any
2 basketball coach in NCAA history, men or women,
3 concluded her coaching career after 38 seasons at
4 the University of Tennessee on April 18, 2012.

5 (2) Pat Summitt won a record eight NCAA
6 championships, and received National Coach of the
7 Year honors 7 times over her career.

8 (3) Pat Summitt will remain head coach emer-
9 itus at the University of Tennessee, mentoring and
10 teaching life skills to players.

11 (4) Coaching has been the great passion of Pat
12 Summitt's life, and the job has always been an op-
13 portunity for her to work with student-athletes and
14 help them discover their true potential.

15 (5) Coach Summitt's last team at the Univer-
16 sity of Tennessee finished with an overall record of
17 27–9, including an SEC Tournament Championship
18 and a spot in the Final Four in Denver.

19 (6) Pat Summitt continued her work off the
20 court, including a graduation record of 100 percent
21 for all Lady Vols who completed their eligibility at
22 the University of Tennessee.

23 (7) Pat Summitt announced on August 23,
24 2011, that she had been diagnosed with early onset
25 dementia, "Alzheimer's Type".

1 (8) Later in November 2011, Coach Summitt
2 announced the Pat Summitt Foundation Fund,
3 which helps to provide funding and research for Alz-
4 heimer's and dementia.

5 (9) On May 29, 2012, President Barack Obama
6 awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the
7 country's highest civilian honor, to Pat Summitt for
8 her remarkable career as an unparalleled figure in
9 women's team sports, and for her courage in speak-
10 ing out openly and courageously about her battle
11 with Alzheimer's.

12 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

13 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
14 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
15 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
16 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
17 medal of appropriate design to Pat Summitt, in recogni-
18 tion of her remarkable career as an unparalleled figure
19 in women's team sports, and for her courage in speaking
20 out openly and courageously about her battle with Alz-
21 heimer's.

22 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
23 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
24 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
25 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,

1 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
2 retary.

3 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

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

10 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

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

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

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