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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration
of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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in commemoration of the National Purple Heart Hall
of Honor.

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 Purple Heart
5 Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor’s
9 mission is—

1 (A) to commemorate the extraordinary sac-
2 rifice of America's servicemen and service-
3 women who were killed or wounded in combat;
4 and

5 (B) to collect and preserve the stories of
6 National Purple Heart recipients from all
7 branches of service and across generations to
8 ensure that all recipients are represented.

9 (2) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
10 first opened its doors on November 10, 2006, in
11 New Windsor, NY.

12 (3) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
13 is located at the New Windsor Cantonment State
14 Historic Site, where General George Washington's
15 Army camped during the Revolutionary War and
16 where he first awarded the Badge of Military Merit,
17 a piece of purple cloth that became the model for the
18 Purple Heart.

19 (4) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
20 is the first to recognize the more than 1.7 million
21 U.S. servicemembers wounded or killed in action
22 ranging from the American Revolutionary War to
23 the present day, serving as a living memorial to their
24 sacrifice by sharing their stories through interviews,

1 exhibits and the Roll of Honor, an interactive com-
2 puter database of each recipient.

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

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

7 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
8 coins, which shall—

9 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

11 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
12 alloy.

13 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
14 \$1 coins, which shall—

15 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

17 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
18 cent copper.

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

21 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

22 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

23 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
24 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
25 31, United States Code.

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

4 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
5 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
6 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

7 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

8 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
10 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
11 National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

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

14 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

15 (B) an inscription of the year “2017”; and

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

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

21 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
22 with the Commission of Fine Arts and the National
23 Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Inc.; and

24 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
25 Committee.

1 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

4 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only the West Point Mint may
5 be used to strike any particular quality of the coins minted
6 under this Act.

7 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
8 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
9 period beginning on January 1, 2017.

10 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

14 (1) the face value of the coins;

15 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with
16 respect to such coins; and

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

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

23 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

4 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
6 Act shall include a surcharge of—

- 7 (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;
8 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and
9 (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

10 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f)(1) of
11 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
12 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
13 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the National
14 Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Inc., to help finance the con-
15 struction of a new building and renovation of existing Na-
16 tional Purple Heart Hall of Honor facilities.

17 (c) AUDITS.—The National Purple Heart Hall of
18 Honor, Inc., shall be subject to the audit requirements of
19 section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with
20 regard to the amounts received under subsection (b).

21 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
22 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
23 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
24 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
25 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-

1 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
2 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
3 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
4 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
5 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
6 this subsection.

