

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 301

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins
in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and
for other purposes.

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 “Boys Town Centennial
3 Commemorative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) Boys Town is a nonprofit organization dedi-
7 cated to saving children and healing families, nation-
8 ally headquartered in the village of Boys Town, Ne-
9 braska;

10 (2) Father Flanagan’s Boys Home, known as
11 “Boys Town”, was founded on December 12, 1917,
12 by Servant of God Father Edward Flanagan;

13 (3) Boys Town was created to serve children of
14 all races and religions;

15 (4) news of the work of Father Flanagan
16 spread worldwide with the success of the 1938
17 movie, “Boys Town”;

18 (5) after World War II, President Truman
19 asked Father Flanagan to take his message to the
20 world, and Father Flanagan traveled the globe vis-
21 iting war orphans and advising government leaders
22 on how to care for displaced children;

23 (6) Boys Town has grown exponentially, and
24 now provides care to children and families across the
25 country in 11 regions, including California, Nevada,
26 Texas, Nebraska, Iowa, Louisiana, North Florida,

1 Central Florida, South Florida, Washington, DC,
2 New York, and New England;

3 (7) the Boys Town National Hotline provides
4 counseling to more than 150,000 callers each year;

5 (8) the Boys Town National Research Hospital
6 is a national leader in the field of hearing care and
7 research of Usher Syndrome;

8 (9) Boys Town programs impact the lives of
9 more than 2,000,000 children and families across
10 America each year; and

11 (10) December 12th, 2017, will mark the 100th
12 anniversary of Boys Town, Nebraska.

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

14 (a) \$5 GOLD COINS.—The Secretary of the Treasury
15 (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall mint and
16 issue not more than 50,000 \$5 coins in commemoration
17 of the centennial of the founding of Father Flanagan’s
18 Boys Town, each of which shall—

19 (1) weigh 8.359 grams;

20 (2) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

21 (3) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
22 alloy.

23 (b) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary shall mint and
24 issue not more than 350,000 \$1 coins in commemoration

1 of the centennial of the founding of Father Flanagan's
2 Boys Town, each of which shall—

- 3 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;
4 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and
5 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
6 copper.

7 (c) HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—The Secretary
8 shall mint and issue not more than 300,000 half dollar
9 clad coins in commemoration of the centennial of the
10 founding of Father Flanagan's Boys Town, each of which
11 shall—

- 12 (1) weigh 11.34 grams;
13 (2) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and
14 (3) be minted to the specifications for half dol-
15 lar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title 31,
16 United States Code.

17 (d) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
18 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
19 title 31, United States Code.

20 (e) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
21 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
22 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
23 matic items.

1 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted
3 under this Act shall be emblematic of the 100 years of
4 Boys Town, one of the largest nonprofit child care agen-
5 cies in the United States.

6 (b) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin
7 minted under this Act, there shall be—

8 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;

9 (2) an inscription of the year “2017”; and

10 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
11 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
12 “E Pluribus Unum”.

13 (c) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
14 under this Act shall be—

15 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation
16 with the National Executive Director of Boys Town
17 and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

18 (2) reviewed by the Citizens of Coinage Advi-
19 sory Committee.

20 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

23 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United
24 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
25 of the coins minted under this Act.

1 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
2 issue coins under this Act only during the period begin-
3 ning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31,
4 2017.

5 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

9 (1) the face value of the coins; and

10 (2) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
11 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
12 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

16 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

23 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
25 Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

1 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

2 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

3 (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half dol-
4 lar coin.

5 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
6 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
7 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
8 shall be paid to Boys Town to carry out Boys Town’s
9 cause of caring for and assisting children and families in
10 underserved communities across America.

11 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

12 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-
13 essary to ensure that—

14 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
15 will not result in any net cost to the Federal Govern-
16 ment; and

17 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
18 shall be disbursed to any recipient designated in sec-
19 tion 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing
20 all of the coins authorized by this Act (including
21 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
22 penses, marketing, and shipping) is recovered by the
23 United States Treasury, consistent with sections

- 1 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31, United States
- 2 Code.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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