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To posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Shirley Chisholm.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. MEEKS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. LEE, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BASS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. ELLISON, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. TONKO, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. MENG, Mr. RUSH, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DONOVAN, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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Shirley Chisholm.

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 “Shirley Chisholm Con-
3 gressional Gold Medal Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) Shirley Chisholm was a pioneer: She was
7 the first African-American woman elected to Con-
8 gress in 1968 where she served until 1982.

9 (2) Shirley Chisholm inspired and led the
10 march of political achievement by African Americans
11 and women in the three decades since she ran for
12 the Presidency of the United States.

13 (3) Her election to Congress and her candidacy
14 for the Presidency raised the profile and aspirations
15 of all African Americans and women in the field of
16 politics.

17 (4) Shirley Chisholm was recognized for her ac-
18 tivism, independence, and groundbreaking achieve-
19 ments in politics during and after the civil rights
20 era.

21 (5) Shirley Chisholm was born in Brooklyn,
22 New York, on November 30, 1924, attended Brook-
23 lyn College, and earned a Master’s degree from Co-
24 lumbia University.

1 (6) Shirley Chisholm worked in education and
2 social services before being elected to the New York
3 State Assembly in 1964.

4 (7) Shirley Chisholm established the Unity
5 Democratic Club in 1960, which played a significant
6 role in rallying Black and Hispanic voters in New
7 York City.

8 (8) In 1969, Shirley Chisholm began her service
9 in the 91st Congress, representing Brooklyn's 12th
10 Congressional District in the United States House of
11 Representatives.

12 (9) During her service in the House of Rep-
13 resentatives, Shirley Chisholm promoted the employ-
14 ment of women in Congress and was vocal in her
15 support of civil rights, women's rights, and the poor,
16 while fervently opposing the Vietnam War.

17 (10) In 1972, Shirley Chisholm was the first
18 African American to seek the nomination of a major
19 party for President of the United States.

20 (11) Shirley Chisholm was a co-founder of the
21 National Organization for Women.

22 (12) An historic figure in American political
23 history, Shirley Chisholm died at the age of 80 in
24 Ormond Beach, Florida, on New Year's Day 2005.

1 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
3 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
4 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
5 for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of the Con-
6 gress, of a gold medal of appropriate design in commemo-
7 ration of Shirley Chisholm, in recognition of her activism,
8 independence, and groundbreaking achievements in poli-
9 ties, her election as the first African-American woman in
10 the Congress, and her campaign to be the first African
11 American to gain the nomination of a major political party
12 for President of the United States.

13 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
14 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
15 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
16 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
17 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
18 retary.

19 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

20 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
21 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3
22 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
23 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
24 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
25 and the cost of the gold medal.

1 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

2 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
3 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
4 51 of title 31, United States Code.

5 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
6 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
7 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

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