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# H. R. 4681

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SIRES, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. COX of California, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. BALDERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National World War  
5 II Memorial Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The National World War II Memorial was  
2       dedicated in Washington, DC, on May 29, 2004, and  
3       is located on the east end of the Reflecting Pool on  
4       the National Mall, opposite the Lincoln Memorial  
5       and west of the Washington Monument.

6           (2) The dedication of the National World War  
7       II Memorial was the culmination of a 17-year effort  
8       that started when the Memorial was authorized by  
9       an Act of Congress signed into law on May 25,  
10      1993. Construction began September 4, 2001, after  
11      several years of fundraising and public hearings.

12          (3) Opening to the public on April 29, 2004,  
13      the World War II Memorial is the first national me-  
14      morial dedicated to all who served during World  
15      War II and acknowledges the commitment and  
16      achievement of the entire Nation.

17          (4) The Memorial honors the 16,000,000 who  
18      served in the Armed Forces of the United States  
19      during World War II, the more than 400,000 who  
20      died, and the millions who supported the war effort  
21      from home.

22          (5) It is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice,  
23      and commitment of the American people to the com-  
24      mon defense of the Nation and to the broader causes

1 of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the  
2 world.

3 (6) Today, the Memorial is a top destination for  
4 millions of annual visitors from all over the country  
5 and the world. For many young visitors, their visit  
6 to the Memorial is a first glimpse to a grateful Na-  
7 tion's remembrance of the sacrifices made by the  
8 World War II generation.

9 (7) For World War II veterans, the Memorial  
10 is a special destination, a rendezvous point, and a  
11 gathering place for reunions and commemoration  
12 programs.

13 (8) The Friends of the National World War II  
14 Memorial play a vital role in the preservation and  
15 maintenance of the National World War II Memorial  
16 as a treasure for the American people, while helping  
17 to facilitate key commemorative and educational pro-  
18 grams at the Memorial to pay tribute to America's  
19 "Greatest Generation" and their efforts to preserve  
20 liberty for generations to come.

21 (9) The National World War II Memorial  
22 stands as an important symbol of America's national  
23 unity, a timeless reminder of the moral strength and  
24 power that flows when free people are at once united

1 and bonded together in a common and just cause for  
2 liberty.

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 coin:

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 not less than 90 percent gold.

12 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000  
13 \$1 coins, which shall—

14 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

16 (C) contain not less than 90 percent silver.

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

19 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

21 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-  
22 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title  
23 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 sections  
5 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins  
6 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
7 matic items.

8 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

9 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
11 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
12 National World War II Memorial and the service  
13 and sacrifice of American soldiers and civilians dur-  
14 ing World War II.

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

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

18 (B) an inscription of the year “2022”; and

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

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

1           (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
2           with the Commission of Fine Arts and the Friends  
3           of the National World War II Memorial; and

4           (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
5           Committee.

6 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

9           (b) **PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may  
10          issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year  
11          period beginning on January 1, 2022.

12 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

16                (1) the face value of the coins;

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

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

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

25          (c) **PREPAID ORDERS.**—

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

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

7   **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

10           (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

11           (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

12           (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

13       (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
14   title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
15   the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
16   shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Friends  
17   of the National World War II Memorial to support the  
18   National Park Service in maintaining and repairing the  
19   National World War II Memorial, and for educational and  
20   commemorative programs.

21       (c) AUDITS.—The Friends of the National World  
22   War II Memorial shall be subject to the audit require-  
23   ments of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States  
24   Code, with regard to the amounts received under sub-  
25   section (b).

1       (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
2 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
3 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
4 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
5 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-  
6 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2  
7 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under  
8 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in  
9 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-  
10 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out  
11 this subsection.

12 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

15           (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act  
16 will not result in any net cost to the United States  
17 Government; and

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



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

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