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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the integration of baseball.

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Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. CAPITO) 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 “Integration of Baseball
5 Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) On April 15, 1947, future Hall of Famer
9 Jackie Robinson changed the landscape of the na-

1 tional pastime and the United States when he
2 stepped onto the grass at Ebbets Field as the start-
3 ing first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers and the
4 first African American to play Major League Base-
5 ball in the modern era.

6 (2) On July 5, 1947, future Hall of Famer
7 Larry Doby took his first at bat for the Cleveland
8 Indians, ending the color barrier in the American
9 League forever.

10 (3) The integration of Major League Baseball
11 in 1947 is recognized today as a seminal moment in
12 the Civil Rights Movement and American history.

13 (4) The integration of Major League Baseball
14 preceded the landmark Supreme Court of the United
15 States ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347
16 U.S. 483 (1954), by 7 years and the enactment of
17 the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88–352;
18 78 Stat. 241) by 17 years.

19 (5) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and
20 Museum and the Jackie Robinson Foundation are
21 dedicated to telling the story of baseball’s unique
22 role in helping end racial segregation and advancing
23 civil rights in the United States.

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

2 (a) SHAPE AND SURFACE TREATMENT.—All coins
3 issued pursuant to this Act shall be square, with the de-
4 sign corner-aligned, shall be finished on the reverse with
5 “enhanced uncirculated” treatment, and shall be of ap-
6 proximately the same size. The Secretary of the Treasury
7 (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”), at the Sec-
8 retary’s discretion, may also use the “enhanced uncir-
9 culated” treatment on the coin obverse.

10 (b) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration
11 of the 75th anniversary of the integration of baseball, the
12 Secretary shall mint and issue the following coins:

13 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
14 coins, which shall—

15 (A) weigh 1 ounce;

16 (B) be struck on a planchet of appropriate
17 dimensions; and

18 (C) contain not less than 90 percent gold.

19 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000
20 \$1 coins, which shall—

21 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

22 (B) be struck on a planchet of appropriate
23 dimensions; and

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

25 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
26 than 750,000 half-dollar coins, which shall be of

1 such specifications as the Secretary may choose, ex-
 2 cept that, to the greatest extent possible, such half-
 3 dollar coins shall match in size the other coins de-
 4 scribed in this subsection.

5 (c) **LEGAL TENDER.**—The coins minted under this
 6 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
 7 title 31, United States Code.

8 (d) **NUMISMATIC ITEMS.**—For purposes of sections
 9 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
 10 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
 11 matic items.

12 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The design for the coins minted
 14 under this Act shall be—

15 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
 16 with—

17 (A) the National Baseball Hall of Fame
 18 and Museum; and

19 (B) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

20 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative
 21 Coin Advisory Committee.

22 (b) **DESIGNATIONS AND INSCRIPTIONS.**—On each
 23 coin minted under this Act there shall be—

24 (1) a designation of the value of the coin,
 25 which, for purposes of the coins described under

1 paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 3(b) shall use a
2 dollar sign and a numeral rather than spelling out
3 the denomination;

4 (2) an inscription of the year “2022”; and

5 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
6 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
7 “E Pluribus Unum”.

8 (c) COMMON REVERSE DESIGN.—The design on the
9 common reverse of the coins minted under this Act shall
10 depict a baseball diamond similar to those used by Major
11 League Baseball.

12 (d) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR OB-
13 VERSE DESIGN.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall hold a
15 competition to determine the design of the common
16 obverse of the coins minted under this Act, with
17 such design being emblematic of the integration of
18 the game of baseball.

19 (2) SELECTION AND APPROVAL.—Proposals for
20 the design of coins minted under this Act may be
21 submitted in accordance with the design selection
22 and approval process developed by the Secretary in
23 the sole discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary
24 shall encourage 3-dimensional models to be sub-
25 mitted as part of the design proposals.

1 (3) PROPOSALS.—As part of the competition
 2 described in this subsection, the Secretary may ac-
 3 cept proposals from artists, engravers of the United
 4 States Mint, and members of the general public, and
 5 shall endeavor to publicize the design contest to par-
 6 ticipants in youth baseball programs.

7 (4) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary shall de-
 8 termine compensation for the winning design under
 9 this subsection, which shall be not less than \$5,000.
 10 The Secretary shall take into account this compensa-
 11 tion amount when determining the sale price de-
 12 scribed in section 6(a).

13 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

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

19 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

23 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

1 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
 2 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
 3 winning design compensation, overhead expenses,
 4 marketing, and shipping).

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

8 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

15 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
 17 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

18 (1) A surcharge of \$50 per coin for the \$5 coin.

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

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

22 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
 23 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
 24 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
 25 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the National

1 Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, with the under-
 2 standing that the National Baseball Hall of Fame and
 3 Museum shall work with the Jackie Robinson Foundation,
 4 so that the 2 organizations may develop and operate edu-
 5 cation programs about the integration of baseball and pre-
 6 serve artifacts related to the integration of baseball.

7 (c) AUDITS.—The National Baseball Hall of Fame
 8 and Museum shall be subject to the audit requirements
 9 of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with
 10 regard to the amounts received under subsection (b).

11 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
 12 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
 13 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
 14 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
 15 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
 16 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual com-
 17 memorative coin program issuance limitation under sec-
 18 tion 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in ef-
 19 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
 20 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
 21 this subsection.

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