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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) 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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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 mission of the National Purple Heart
9 Hall of Honor is—

1 (A) to commemorate the extraordinary sac-
2 rifice of servicemembers of the United States
3 who were killed or wounded by enemy action;
4 and

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

12 (3) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
13 is colocated with the New Windsor Cantonment
14 State Historic Site.

15 (4) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
16 is the first to recognize the estimated 1,800,000
17 servicemembers of the United States wounded or
18 killed in action representing recipients from the Civil
19 War to the present day, serving as a living memorial
20 to their sacrifice by sharing their stories through
21 interviews, exhibits, and the Roll of Honor, an inter-
22 active computer database of each recipient enrolled.

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

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

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

7 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

9 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
10 alloy.

11 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
12 \$1 coins, which shall—

13 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

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

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

18 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

20 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
21 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
22 31, United States Code.

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

1 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
 2 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
 3 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

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

5 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
 7 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
 8 mission of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

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

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

12 (B) an inscription of the year “2021”; and

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

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

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

21 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
 22 Committee.

23 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

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

4 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
5 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
6 period beginning on January 1, 2021.

7 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

11 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

14 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
15 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
16 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

20 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
22 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
23 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 support the mission
15 of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Inc., includ-
16 ing capital improvements to the National Purple Heart
17 Hall of Honor facilities.

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

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

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

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