

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Little Rock Central High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) September 2007, marks the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

(2) In 1957, Little Rock Central High was the site of the first major national test for the implementation of the historic decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Brown, et al. v. Board of Education of Topeka, et al.*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954).

(3) The courage of the "Little Rock Nine" (Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Melba Pattillo, Jefferson Thomas, Carlotta Walls, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray, Thelma Mothershed, and Minnijean Brown) who stood in the face of violence, was influential to the Civil Rights movement and changed American history by providing an example on which to build greater equality.

(4) The desegregation of Little Rock Central High by the 9 African American students was recognized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as such a significant event in the struggle for civil rights that in May 1958, he attended the graduation of the first African American from Little Rock Central High School.

(5) A commemorative coin will bring national and international attention to the lasting legacy of this important event.

SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 \$1 coins each of which shall—

(1) weigh 26.73 grams;

(2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

(3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

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

(c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.

(a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School and its contribution to civil rights in America.

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

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

(2) an inscription of the year "2007"; and

(3) inscriptions of the words "Liberty", "In God We Trust", "United States of America", and "E Pluribus Unum".

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

(1) selected by the Secretary after consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts; and

(2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee established under section 5135 of title 31, United States Code.

SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

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

(b) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January 1, 2007, except that the Secretary may initiate sales of such coins, without issuance, before such date.

(c) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No coins shall be minted under this Act after December 31, 2007.

SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.

(a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the coins issued under this Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the face value of the coins, the surcharge required under section 7(a) for the coins, and the cost of designing and issuing such coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, and marketing).

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

(c) PREPAID ORDERS AT A DISCOUNT.—

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

(2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to prepaid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a reasonable discount.

SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.

(a) SURCHARGE REQUIRED.—All sales shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

(b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code, and subsection (d), all surcharges which are received by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Secretary of the Interior for the protection, preservation, and interpretation of resources and stories associated with Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, including the following:

(1) Site improvements at Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site.

(2) Development of interpretive and education programs and historic preservation projects.

(3) Establishment of cooperative agreements to preserve or restore the historic character of the Park Street and Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive corridors adjacent to the site.

(c) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin would result in the number of commemorative coin programs issued during such year to exceed the annual 2 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Secretary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

(d) CREDITABLE FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the law and recognizing the unique partnership nature of the Department of Interior and the Little Rock Central High School District at the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site and the significant contributions made by the Little Rock School District to preserve and maintain the historic character of the high school, any non-Federal funds expended by the school district (regardless of the source of the funds) for improvements at the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, to the extent such funds were used for the purposes described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (b), shall be deemed to meet the requirement of funds from private sources of section 5134(f)(1)(A)(ii) of title 31, United States Code, with respect to the Secretary of the Interior.

The bill (H.R. 358), as amended, was passed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT
AGREEMENT H. CON. RES. 308

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwith-

standing the adjournment of the Senate, when the Senate receives from the House a correcting resolution relating to the Treasury-Transportation conference report, the text of which is identical to the concurrent resolution at the desk, the concurrent resolution be considered and agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE-
MENT—CONFERENCE REPORT TO
ACCOMPANY H.R. 3058

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the previous order with respect to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3058 be modified to allow for adoption of the conference report, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN EN-
ROLLED BILLS OR JOINT RESO-
LUTIONS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment of the Senate, the majority leader, the majority whip, and the senior Senator from Virginia be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMITTEES
TO REPORT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, notwithstanding the Senate's adjournment, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Thursday, December 8, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE
APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses or by order of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive

session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar 35, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 469, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

Further, I ask that the following committees be discharged from further consideration of the listed nominations and the Senate proceed to their consideration en bloc:

Foreign relations, Alejandro Daniel Wolff, Ronald L. Schlicher, Carol van Voorst, Ross Wilson, Donald M. Payne, Edward Randall Royce, Promotion List (pn999).

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Patricia Lynn Scarlett, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203.

To be major general

Brigadier General Larita A. Aragon, 0000
 Brigadier General Tod M. Bunting, 0000
 Brigadier General Craig E. Campbell, 0000
 Brigadier General William R. Cotney, 0000
 Brigadier General R. Anthony Haynes, 0000
 Brigadier General Charles V. Ickes, II, 0000
 Brigadier General Robert A. Knauff, 0000
 Brigadier General James R. Marshall, 0000
 Brigadier General Terry L. Scherling, 0000
 Brigadier General Michael J. Shira, 0000
 Brigadier General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., 0000

To be brigadier general

Colonel David S. Angle, 0000
 Colonel Thomas M. Botchie, 0000
 Colonel Richard W. Burris, 0000
 Colonel Garry C. Dean, 0000
 Colonel Michael J. Dornbush, 0000
 Colonel Kathleen E. Fick, 0000
 Colonel Edward R. Flora, 0000
 Colonel James H. Gwin, 0000
 Colonel Scott B. Harrison, 0000
 Colonel David M. Hopper, 0000
 Colonel Howard P. Hunt, III, 0000
 Colonel Cynthia N. Kirkland, 0000
 Colonel John M. Motley, Jr., 0000
 Colonel Gerald C. Olesen, 0000
 Colonel Alan W. Palmer, 0000
 Colonel Michael L. Peplinski, 0000
 Colonel Esther A. Rada, 0000
 Colonel Alex D. Roberts, 0000

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203.

To be brigadier general

Colonel Steven R. Doohen, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Colonel Daniel R. Eagle, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade

indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Keith W. Dayton, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12203:

To be major general

Brigadier General Robert P. French, 0000
 Brigadier General Donald J. Goldhorn, 0000
 Brigadier General Richard B. Moorhead, 0000
 Brigadier General Marvin W. Pierson, 0000
 Brigadier General Stewart A. Reeve, 0000
 Brigadier General Randall E. Sayre, 0000
 Brigadier General Theodore G. Shuey, Jr., 0000
 Brigadier General Thomas L. Sinclair, 0000
 Brigadier General David A. Sprynczynatyk, 0000
 Brigadier General Stephen F. Villacorta, 0000
 Brigadier General Gregory L. Wayt, 0000
 Brigadier General John J. Weeden, 0000
 Brigadier General Deborah C. Wheeling, 0000

To be brigadier general

Colonel Ricky G. Adams, 0000
 Colonel Stephen E. Bogle, 0000
 Colonel Brent M. Boyles, 0000
 Colonel Stephen C. Burritt, 0000
 Colonel Andrew C. Burton, 0000
 Colonel Cameron A. Crawford, 0000
 Colonel Joseph G. DePaul, 0000
 Colonel Mark C. DoW, 0000
 Colonel Douglas B. Earhart, 0000
 Colonel William L. Enyart, Jr., 0000
 Colonel Glenn C. Hammond, III, 0000
 Colonel David L. Harris, 0000
 Colonel Robert A. Harris, 0000
 Colonel Grant L. Hayden, 0000
 Colonel John W. Heltzel, 0000
 Colonel Leodis T. Jennings, 0000
 Colonel Larry D. Kay, 0000
 Colonel Jeff W. Mathis, III, 0000
 Colonel Wendell B. McLain, 0000
 Colonel Timothy S. Phillips, 0000
 Colonel Janet E. Phipps, 0000
 Colonel Stanley R. Putnam, 0000
 Colonel Ronald J. Randazzo, 0000
 Colonel Joseph M. Richie, 0000
 Colonel King E. Sidwell, 0000
 Colonel Eugene A. Stockton, 0000
 Colonel Timothy I. Sullivan, 0000
 Colonel Richard E. Swan, 0000
 Colonel James H. Trogdon, III, 0000
 Colonel James D. Tyre, 0000

Colonel Terry L. Wiley, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Guy L. Sands-Pingot, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Mitchell L. Brown, 0000

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Personnel, United States Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., 601 and 5141:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Frank Thorp, IV, 0000

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., Section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. William D. Baumgartner, 0000
 Capt. Manson K. Brown, 0000
 Capt. John S. Burhoe, 0000
 Capt. Wayne E. Justice, 0000
 Capt. Daniel B. Lloyd, 0000
 Capt. Robert C. Parker, 0000
 Capt. Brian M. Salerno, 0000

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN561 AIR FORCE nominations (2242) beginning BRIAN F. * ABELL, and ending RAY A. * ZUNIGA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 26, 2005.

PN1070 AIR FORCE nomination of Jon R. Stovall, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 10, 2005.

PN1071 AIR FORCE nomination of Kenneth W. Bullock, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 10, 2005.

PN1072 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning RANDALL S. LECHEMINANT, and ending SCOTT H. R. LEE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 10, 2005.

PN1073 AIR FORCE nomination of Rena A. Nicholas, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 10, 2005.

PN1074 AIR FORCE nomination of Jeffrey S. Brittig, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 10, 2005.

PN1075 AIR FORCE nomination of Albert J. Bainger, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 10, 2005.

IN THE ARMY

PN1009 ARMY nominations (5) beginning ROBINETTE J. AMAKER, and ending JOSEF H. MOORE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 25, 2005.

PN1010 ARMY nominations (6) beginning TERRY K. BESCH, and ending JOHN R. TABER, which nominations were received by

the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 25, 2005.

PN1011 ARMY nominations (16) beginning KIMBERLY K. ARMSTRONG, and ending KELLY A. WOLGAST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 25, 2005.

PN1012 ARMY nominations (38) beginning RANDALL G. ANDERSON, and ending JOHN H. TRAKOWSKI JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 25, 2005.

PN1016 ARMY nominations (5) beginning ROBERT DEMPSTER, and ending ERROL LADER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 26, 2005.

PN1017 ARMY nominations (22) beginning MIMMS MABEE, and ending JIMMIE PEREZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 26, 2005.

PN1018 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MICHELLE BEACH, and ending HELEN LAQUAY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 26, 2005.

PN1019 ARMY nominations (4) beginning GREGORY BREWER, and ending TERRELL MORROW, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 26, 2005.

PN1038 ARMY nominations (3) beginning WALTER J. AUSTIN, and ending KEITH C. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 4, 2005.

PN1076 ARMY nomination of Jack N. Washburne, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 10, 2005.

PN1077 ARMY nominations (5) beginning BARRY J. BERNSTEIN, and ending JUAN M. VERA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 10, 2005.

PN1078 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MELVIN S. HOGAN, and ending JOSEPH M. JACKSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 10, 2005.

IN THE COAST GUARD

PN843 COAST GUARD nomination of Kathleen M. Donohoe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2005.

PN984 Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

PN983 Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

PN982 Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus.

PN1022 Carol van Voorst, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Iceland.

PN1023 Ross Wilson, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

PN1065 Donald M. Payne, of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

PN1066 Edward Randall Royce, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the Department of State for promotion in the Senior Foreign Service to the classes indicated: Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister:

R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts
Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia
James Franklin Jeffrey, of Virginia
Kristie Anne Kenney, of Virginia

Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Minister-Counselor:

Kathleen Hatch Allegrone, of Virginia
Jonathan Mark Aloisi, of California
Jay N. Anania, of Connecticut
Alexander A. Arvizu, of Colorado
David L. Ballard, of Texas
William M. Bartlett, of Virginia
Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia
Frederick Bishop Cook, of Florida
Ernest E. Davis, of Missouri
Kathleen R. Davis, of California
Scott H. Delisi, of Minnesota
David Tannrath Donahue, of Indiana
Edward Kwok Hee Dong, of California
Joseph R. Donovan, Jr., of New York
Patrick D. Donovan, of Virginia
Charles Lewis English, of Florida
Gary M. Gibson, of Maryland
Mary Ellen T. Gilroy, of Virginia
George A. Glass, of New Jersey
Patricia Haslach, of Oregon
William J. Haugh, of Virginia
Eric G. John, of Indiana
John J. Keyes III, of Florida
Michael David Kirby, of Ohio
L.W. Koengeter, of Florida
Alan Bryan Cedric Latimer, of Georgia
Sally Mathiasen Light, of Washington
Hugo L. Lorens, of Florida
Jackson C. McDonald, of Florida
William Joseph McGlynn, Jr., of California
Luis G. Moreno, of Florida
David D. Nelson, of South Dakota
Carol Zelis Perez, of Texas
Roger Dwayne Pierce, of Virginia
Marguerita D. Ragsdale, of Virginia
Charles Aaron Ray, of Texas
James P. Reid, of California
Ronald Sinclair Robinson, of Virginia
Leslie Ventura Rowe, of Washington
Daniel A. Russell, of Maine
John Frederick Sammis, of Virginia
Robin Renee Sanders, of New York
Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona
Daniel Bennett Smith, of Colorado
Douglas Gordon Spelman, of Virginia
Susan H. Swart, of Virginia
Harlan D. Wadley, of Washington
D. Bruce Wharton, of Virginia
James G. Williard, of Florida
Robert T. Yamate, of California

The following-named Career Members of the Foreign Service for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service, and for appointment as Consular officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service, as indicated: Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Counselor:

Richard Alan Albright, of Ohio

Gerald C. Anderson, of Illinois
David Egert Appleton, of New Hampshire
Gary G. Bagley, of California
Richard C. Beer, of Virginia
Scott D. Bellard, of the District of Columbia
Eric David Benjaminson, of Oregon
Earle C. Blakeman III, of the District of Columbia

John Brien Brennan, of Virginia
Dolores Marie Brown, of Virginia
Raymond Lewis Brown, of California
Sue Kathrine Brown, of Texas
Lee A. Brudvig, of California
Beatrice A. Camp, of Virginia
Lois Ann Ceccarini, of Connecticut
Judith Beth Cefkin, of Texas
Linda Carol Cheatham, of Texas
Andrew Gilman Chritton, of Texas
John W. Davison, of Pennsylvania
Thomas Lawrence Delare, of Virginia
J. Thomas Dougherty, of Wyoming
Mary Dale Draper, of California
Gordon K. Duguid, of Illinois
Susan M. Elbow, of the District of Columbia
Thomas Scott Engle, of the District of Columbia

Henry S. Ensher, of California
Paul Michael Fitzgerald, of Virginia
William E. Fitzgerald, of New York
Robert Stephen Ford, of Maryland
John Gilmore Fox, of California
Atim Eneida George, of California
Alan Eric Greenfield, of Maine
Jeri S. Guthrie-Corn, of California
Dean J. Haas, of California
Mary E. Hickey, of California
Greta Christine Holtz, of Florida
Jason P. Hyland, of Virginia
Kevin M. Johnson, of New York
Margaret Ellen Keeton, of California
Damaris A. Kirchofer, of Hawaii
Edward J. Kulakowski, of Virginia
Jerry P. Lanier, of North Carolina
Edward Alex Lee, of Texas
David Erik Lindwall, of Texas
Eric H. Madison, of Virginia
Frank J. Manganiello, of Virginia
Alberta Mayberry, of Virginia
James P. McAnulty, of Virginia
Maria Elizabeth McKay, of Florida
Alan Greeley Misenheimer, of Virginia
Robin Jan Morritz, of Illinois
Christopher W. Murray, of the District of Columbia

Adam E. Namm, of Virginia
Patricia Nelson-Douvell, of Virginia
Richard Norland, of Missouri
Maureen E. Park, of Virginia
Geeta Pasi, of New York
Lawrence G. Richter, of California
Ferial Ara Saeed, of California
Richard Milton Sanders, of Pennsylvania
Eric T. Schultz, of Colorado
Sandra Jean Shipshock, of Virginia
Gregory S. Stanford, of Florida
David L. Stone, of Louisiana
W. Stuart Symington IV, of Missouri
Lucy Tamlyn, of New York
Douglas B. Wake, of New York
Vivian S. Walker, of California
Charles H. Walsh, Jr., of Oregon
Laurie B. Weitzenkorn, of Florida
Mark A. Wentworth, of Maine
Bruce Williamson, of Virginia
Claud R. Young, Jr., of the District of Columbia

Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, and Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

Randall D. Bennett, of Maryland
David J. Benson, of Florida
Roger N. Cohen, of Florida
James T. Cronin, Jr., of Virginia
Rodney Allen Evans, of Virginia
Walter G. Felt, of Virginia
Lester S. Folensbee, of Virginia

William S. Green, of Ohio
 Stephen Richard Hartwell, of New Hampshire
 Mark Jeffrey Hipp, of Washington
 Mark J. Hunter, of Florida
 David G. Kidd, of Virginia
 Timothy C. Lawson, of Ohio
 Russell G. Le Clair, Jr., of Illinois
 Patrick Joseph Meagher, of California
 Thomas S. Miller, of Minnesota
 Barry M. Moore, of Texas
 Claude J. Nebel, Jr., of New Hampshire
 Christopher J. Paul, of Florida
 Robert G. Reed, of Virginia
 Terrence K. Williamson, of Maryland
 Jacob M. Wohlman, of Florida
 Charles E. Wright, of California

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

PRESIDENTIAL \$1 COIN ACT OF 2005

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar 190, S. 1047.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1047) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of each of the Nation's past Presidents and their spouses, respectively to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, to create a new bullion coin.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to be bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2676) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 6, strike lines 6 through 11, and insert the following:

“(B) CONTINUITY PROVISIONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall continue to mint and issue \$1 coins which bear any design in effect before the issuance of coins as required under this subsection (including the so-called ‘Sacagawea-design’ \$1 coins).

“(ii) CIRCULATION QUANTITY.—Beginning January 1, 2007, and ending upon the termination of the program under paragraph (8), the Secretary annually shall mint and issue such ‘Sacagawea-design’ \$1 coins for circulation in quantities of no less than 1/3 of the total \$1 coins minted and issued under this subsection.”.

On page 17, lines 6 and 7, strike “transportation and”.

On page 17, line 7, strike “and entities”.

On page 17, line 18, strike “1-year” and insert “2-year”.

On page 17, line 24, strike “prominently”.

On page 23, line 18, strike “\$20” and insert “\$50”.

On page 24, line 2, strike “\$20” and insert “\$50”.

On page 24, line 3, insert “and proof” after “bullion”.

On page 24, line 4, strike “not to exceed 500,000 in any year” and insert “in such

quantities, as the Secretary, in the Secretary's discretion, may prescribe”.

On page 25, line 23, strike “the face value of the coins; and” and insert “the market value of the bullion at the time of sale; and”.

On page 26, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

“(8) PROTECTIVE COVERING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each bullion coin having a metallic content as described in subsection (a)(11) and a design specified in paragraph (2) shall be sold in an inexpensive covering that will protect the coin from damage due to ordinary handling or storage.

“(B) DESIGN.—The protective covering required under subparagraph (A) shall be readily distinguishable from any coin packaging that may be used to protect proof coins minted and issued under this subsection.”.

The bill (S. 1047), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

S. 1047

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005”.

TITLE I—PRESIDENTIAL \$1 COINS

SEC. 101. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) There are sectors of the United States economy, including public transportation, parking meters, vending machines, and low-dollar value transactions, in which the use of a \$1 coin is both useful and desirable for keeping costs and prices down.

(2) For a variety of reasons, the new \$1 coin introduced in 2000 has not been widely sought-after by the public, leading to higher costs for merchants and thus higher prices for consumers.

(3) The success of the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program (31 U.S.C. 5112(1)) for circulating quarter dollars shows that a design on a United States circulating coin that is regularly changed in a manner similar to the systematic change in designs in such Program radically increases demand for the coin, rapidly pulling it through the economy.

(4) The 50 States Commemorative Coin Program also has been an educational tool, teaching both Americans and visitors something about each State for which a quarter has been issued.

(5) A national survey and study by the Government Accountability Office has indicated that many Americans who do not seek, or who reject, the new \$1 coin for use in commerce would actively seek the coin if an attractive, educational rotating design were to be struck on the coin.

(6) The President is the leader of our tripartite government and the President's spouse has often set the social tone for the White House while spear-heading and highlighting important issues for the country.

(7) Sacagawea, as currently represented on the new \$1 coin, is an important symbol of American history.

(8) Many people cannot name all of the Presidents, and fewer can name the spouses, nor can many people accurately place each President in the proper time period of American history.

(9) First Spouses have not generally been recognized on American coinage.

(10) In order to revitalize the design of United States coinage and return circulating coinage to its position as not only a necessary means of exchange in commerce, but also as an object of aesthetic beauty in its own right, it is appropriate to move many of the mottos and emblems, the inscription of the year, and the so-called “mint marks” that currently appear on the 2 faces of each

circulating coin to the edge of the coin, which would allow larger and more dramatic artwork on the coins reminiscent of the so-called “Golden Age of Coinage” in the United States, at the beginning of the Twentieth Century, initiated by President Theodore Roosevelt, with the assistance of noted sculptors and medallist artists James Earle Fraser and Augustus Saint-Gaudens.

(11) Placing inscriptions on the edge of coins, known as edge-incusing, is a hallmark of modern coinage and is common in large-volume production of coinage elsewhere in the world, such as the 2,700,000,000 2-Euro coins in circulation, but it has not been done on a large scale in United States coinage in recent years.

(12) Although the Congress has authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to issue gold coins with a purity of 99.99 percent, the Secretary has not done so.

(13) Bullion coins are a valuable tool for the investor and, in some cases, an important aspect of coin collecting.

SEC. 102. PRESIDENTIAL \$1 COIN PROGRAM.

Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(n) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING \$1 Coins Honoring Each of the Presidents of the United States.—

“(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2007.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (d) and in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, \$1 coins issued during the period beginning January 1, 2007, and ending upon the termination of the program under paragraph (8), shall—

“(i) have designs on the obverse selected in accordance with paragraph (2)(B) which are emblematic of the Presidents of the United States; and

“(ii) have a design on the reverse selected in accordance with paragraph (2)(A).

“(B) CONTINUITY PROVISIONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall continue to mint and issue \$1 coins which bear any design in effect before the issuance of coins as required under this subsection (including the so-called ‘Sacagawea-design’ \$1 coins).

“(ii) CIRCULATION QUANTITY.—Beginning January 1, 2007, and ending upon the termination of the program under paragraph (8), the Secretary annually shall mint and issue such ‘Sacagawea-design’ \$1 coins for circulation in quantities of no less than 1/3 of the total \$1 coins minted and issued under this subsection.”.

“(2) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The \$1 coins issued in accordance with paragraph (1)(A) shall meet the following design requirements:

“(A) COIN REVERSE.—The design on the reverse shall bear—

“(i) a likeness of the Statue of Liberty extending to the rim of the coin and large enough to provide a dramatic representation of Liberty while not being large enough to create the impression of a ‘2-headed’ coin;

“(ii) the inscription ‘\$1’; and

“(iii) the inscription ‘United States of America’.

“(B) COIN OVERSE.—The design on the obverse shall contain—

“(i) the name and likeness of a President of the United States; and

“(ii) basic information about the President, including—

“(I) the dates or years of the term of office of such President; and

“(II) a number indicating the order of the period of service in which the President served.

“(C) EDGE-INCUSED INSCRIPTIONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The inscription of the year of minting or issuance of the coin and