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To establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

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Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. APPEGATE, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. COBLE, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. FAZIO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FINGERHUT, Mr. FROST, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KLINK, Mr. KREIDLER, Mr. LEWIS of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Banking and Finance and Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

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 “Gift of Life Congres-
5 sional Medal Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL.**

2 The Secretary of the Treasury shall design and strike
3 a bronze medal with suitable emblems, devices, and in-
4 scriptions, to be determined by the Secretary, in com-
5 memoration of organ donors and their families.

6 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any organ donor, or the family
8 of any organ donor, shall be eligible for a bronze medal
9 referred to in section 2.

10 (b) DOCUMENTATION.—The Secretary of Health and
11 Human Services shall establish an application procedure
12 requiring an individual or family to submit to the Sec-
13 retary documentation to support the eligibility of the indi-
14 vidual or family under subsection (a). The Secretary shall
15 determine, through the documentation provided by the in-
16 dividual or family, and, if necessary, independent inves-
17 tigation, whether the individual or family meets the eligi-
18 bility requirements under such subsection.

19 **SEC. 4. PRESENTATION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
21 shall deliver to the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
22 ices the medals struck pursuant to section 2 and such Sec-
23 retary shall arrange for the presentation of the medals to
24 eligible individuals through a qualified organ procurement
25 organization described in section 371(b)(1) of the Public
26 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 273(b)(1)).

1 (b) LIMITATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
3 graph (2), only 1 medal may be awarded per family
4 under subsection (a).

5 (2) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a family in
6 which more than 1 member is an organ donor, the
7 Secretary of Health and Human Services may award
8 1 medal to each such organ donor.

9 **SEC. 5. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

10 The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell
11 duplicates of the bronze medal described in section 2 to
12 any eligible individual (as determined under section 3)
13 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe at
14 a price sufficient to cover the cost of duplicates.

15 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

16 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
17 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
18 States Code.

19 **SEC. 7. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-**
20 **TIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
22 (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public
23 contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods
24 or services necessary for carrying out this Act.

1 (b) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.—Sub-
2 section (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a con-
3 tract under the authority of this Act from complying with
4 any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

5 **SEC. 8. SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury is
7 authorized to enter into an agreement with the entity
8 which operates the Organ Procurement and Transplan-
9 tation Network established under section 372 of the Public
10 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274). The agreement shall
11 meet the following requirements:

12 (1) The agreement shall provide for the solicita-
13 tion of donation of funds by the entity to offset the
14 expenditures relating to the issuance of the medals
15 authorized under section 2.

16 (2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B),
17 all funds received by the entity under paragraph (1)
18 shall be promptly paid by the entity to the Sec-
19 retary.

20 (B) The entity may use not more than 5 per-
21 cent of funds received under paragraph (1) for ad-
22 ministrative costs.

23 (b) DEPOSIT IN COINAGE PROFIT FUND.—Notwith-
24 standing any other provision of law—

1 (1) all amounts received by the Secretary under
2 subsection (a)(2)(A) shall be deposited in the coin-
3 age profit fund;

4 (2) the Secretary shall charge such fund with
5 all expenditures relating to the issuance of the med-
6 als authorized under section 2; and

7 (3) not more than 5 percent of the amounts re-
8 ceived under subsection (a)(2)(A) may be used for
9 administrative costs.

10 (c) NO NET COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERN-
11 MENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall take all ac-
12 tions necessary to ensure that the issuance of the medals
13 authorized under section 2 shall result in no net cost to
14 the Federal Government.

15 **SEC. 9. ORGAN DEFINED.**

16 For purposes of this Act, the term “organ” means
17 the human kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas, and any
18 other human organ (other than corneas and eyes) specified
19 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services by regula-
20 tion.

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