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# H. R. 4148

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the breaking of the color barrier in major league baseball by Jackie Robinson.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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## 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 “Jackie Robinson Com-  
5 memorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

7 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—In commemoration of the  
8 50th anniversary of the breaking of the color barrier in

1 major league baseball by Jackie Robinson, the Secretary  
2 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the  
3 “Secretary”) shall mint and issue not more than 500,000  
4 1 dollar coins, which shall—

5 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

6 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

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

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

12 (c) **NUMISMATIC ITEMS.**—For purposes of section  
13 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted  
14 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

15 **SEC. 3. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

16 The Secretary shall obtain silver for minting coins  
17 under this Act only from stockpiles established under the  
18 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

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

20 (a) **DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.**—

21 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The design—

22 (A) on the obverse side of the coins minted  
23 under this Act shall be emblematic of Jackie  
24 Robinson; and

1           (B) on the reverse side of such coins shall  
2           be emblematic of Jackie Robinson’s association  
3           with and contributions to major league baseball.

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

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

7           (B) an inscription of the year “1997”; and

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

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

13           (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
14          with the Jackie Robinson Foundation and the Com-  
15          mission of Fine Arts; and

16           (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative  
17          Coin Advisory Committee.

18          **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

21          (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United  
22          States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality  
23          of the coins minted under this Act.

1 (c) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary  
2 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning April 15,  
3 1997.

4 (d) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No  
5 coins may be minted under this Act after December 15,  
6 1998.

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 subsection (d)  
13 with 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           (d) SURCHARGES.—All sales shall include a sur-  
5           charge of \$10 per coin.

6   **SEC. 7. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-**  
7                                   **TIONS.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
9           (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public  
10          contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods  
11          and services necessary for carrying out the provisions of  
12          this Act.

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

17   **SEC. 8. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.**

18          Subject to section 10(a), all surcharges received by  
19          the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
20          shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Jackie Rob-  
21          inson Foundation (hereafter in this Act referred to as the  
22          Foundation”) for the purpose of—

23                 (1) enhancing the programs of the Foundation  
24                 in the field of education and youth leadership skills  
25                 development; and

1           (2) increasing the availability of scholarships  
2           for youth with the greatest need.

3 **SEC. 9. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

4           (a) NO NET COST TO THE GOVERNMENT.—The Sec-  
5 retary shall take such actions as may be necessary to en-  
6 sure that minting and issuing coins under this Act will  
7 not result in any net cost to the United States Govern-  
8 ment.

9           (b) PAYMENT FOR COINS.—A coin shall not be issued  
10 under this Act unless the Secretary has received—

11           (1) full payment for the coin;

12           (2) security satisfactory to the Secretary to in-  
13 demnify the United States for full payment; or

14           (3) a guarantee of full payment satisfactory to  
15 the Secretary from a depository institution whose  
16 deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insur-  
17 ance Corporation or the National Credit Union Ad-  
18 ministration Board.

19 **SEC. 10. CONDITIONS ON PAYMENT OF SURCHARGES.**

20           (a) PAYMENT OF SURCHARGES.—Notwithstanding  
21 any other provision of law, no amount derived from the  
22 proceeds of any surcharge imposed on the sale of coins  
23 issued under this Act shall be paid to the Foundation un-  
24 less—

1           (1) all numismatic operation and program costs  
2           allocable to the program under which such coins are  
3           produced and sold have been recovered; and

4           (2) the Foundation submits an audited finan-  
5           cial statement which demonstrates to the satisfaction  
6           of the Secretary that, with respect to all projects or  
7           purposes for which the proceeds of such surcharge  
8           may be used, the Foundation has raised funds from  
9           private sources for such projects and purposes in an  
10          amount which is equal to or greater than the maxi-  
11          mum amount the Foundation may receive from the  
12          proceeds of such surcharge.

13          (b) ANNUAL AUDITS.—

14           (1) ANNUAL AUDITS OF RECIPIENTS RE-  
15          QUIRED.—The Foundation shall provide, as a condi-  
16          tion for receiving any amount derived from the pro-  
17          ceeds of any surcharge imposed on the sale of coins  
18          issued under this Act, for an annual audit, in ac-  
19          cordance with generally accepted government audit-  
20          ing standards by an independent public accountant  
21          selected by the Foundation, of all such payments to  
22          the Foundation beginning in the first fiscal year of  
23          the Foundation in which any such amount is re-  
24          ceived and continuing until all such amounts re-

1       ceived by the Foundation with respect to such sur-  
2       charges are fully expended or placed in trust.

3               (2) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL AU-  
4       DITS.—At a minimum, each audit of the Foundation  
5       pursuant to paragraph (1) shall report—

6               (A) the amount of payments received by  
7       the Foundation during the fiscal year of the  
8       Foundation for which the audit is conducted  
9       which are derived from the proceeds of any sur-  
10      charge imposed on the sale of coins issued  
11      under this Act;

12              (B) the amount expended by the Founda-  
13      tion from the proceeds of such surcharges dur-  
14      ing the fiscal year of the Foundation for which  
15      the audit is conducted; and

16              (C) whether all expenditures by the Foun-  
17      dation from the proceeds of such surcharges  
18      during the fiscal year of the Foundation for  
19      which the audit is conducted were for author-  
20      ized purposes.

21              (3) RESPONSIBILITY OF FOUNDATION TO AC-  
22      COUNT FOR EXPENDITURES OF SURCHARGES.—The  
23      Foundation shall take appropriate steps, as a condi-  
24      tion for receiving any payment of any amount de-  
25      rived from the proceeds of any surcharge imposed on



1 the sale of coins issued under this Act, to ensure  
2 that the receipt of the payment and the expenditure  
3 of the proceeds of such surcharge by the Foundation  
4 in each fiscal year of the Foundation can be ac-  
5 counted for separately from all other revenues and  
6 expenditures of the Foundation.

7 (4) SUBMISSION OF AUDIT REPORT.—Not later  
8 than 90 days after the end of any fiscal year of the  
9 Foundation for which an audit is required under  
10 paragraph (1), the Foundation shall—

11 (A) submit a copy of the report to the Sec-  
12 retary; and

13 (B) make a copy of the report available to  
14 the public.

15 (5) USE OF SURCHARGES FOR AUDITS.—The  
16 Foundation may use any amount received from pay-  
17 ments derived from the proceeds of any surcharge  
18 imposed on the sale of coins issued under this Act  
19 to pay the cost of an audit required under para-  
20 graph (1).

21 (6) WAIVER OF SUBSECTION.—The Secretary  
22 may waive the application of any paragraph of this  
23 subsection to the Foundation for any fiscal year  
24 after taking into account the amount of surcharges

1       which such Foundation received or expended during  
2       such year.

3               (7) AVAILABILITY OF BOOKS AND RECORDS.—

4       The Foundation shall provide, as a condition for re-  
5       ceiving any payment derived from the proceeds of  
6       any surcharge imposed on the sale of coins issued  
7       under this Act, to the Inspector General of the De-  
8       partment of the Treasury or the Comptroller Gen-  
9       eral of the United States, upon the request of such  
10      Inspector General or the Comptroller General, all  
11      books, records, and workpapers belonging to or used  
12      by the Foundation, or by any independent public ac-  
13      countant who audited the Foundation in accordance  
14      with paragraph (1), which may relate to the receipt  
15      or expenditure of any such amount by the Founda-  
16      tion.

17           (c) USE OF AGENTS OR ATTORNEYS TO INFLUENCE  
18    COMMEMORATIVE COIN LEGISLATION.—No portion of any  
19    payment to the Foundation from amounts derived from  
20    the proceeds of surcharges imposed on the sale of coins  
21    issued under this Act may be used, directly or indirectly,  
22    by the Foundation to compensate any agent or attorney  
23    for services rendered to support or influence in any way

- 1 legislative action of the Congress relating to the coins
- 2 minted and issued under this Act.

