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AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins
in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis &
Clark Expedition, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lewis and Clark Expe-
3 dition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The expedition commanded by Meriwether
7 Lewis and William Clark, which came to be called
8 “The Corps of Discovery”, was one of the most re-
9 markable and productive scientific and military ex-
10 ploring expeditions in all American history.

11 (2) President Thomas Jefferson gave Lewis and
12 Clark the mission to “explore the Missouri River &
13 such principal stream of it, as, by its course and
14 communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean,
15 whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado, or any
16 other river may offer the most direct and practical
17 water communication across this continent for the
18 purposes of commerce”.

19 (3) The Expedition, in response to President
20 Jefferson’s directive, greatly advanced our geo-
21 graphical knowledge of the continent and prepared
22 the way for the extension of the American fur trade
23 with American Indian tribes throughout the land.

24 (4) President Jefferson directed the explorers to
25 take note of and carefully record the natural re-
26 sources of the newly acquired territory known as

1 Louisiana, as well as diligently report on the native
2 inhabitants of the land.

3 (5) The Expedition departed St. Louis, Mis-
4 souri, on May 14, 1804.

5 (6) The Expedition held its first meeting with
6 American Indians at Council Bluff near present-day
7 Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, in August 1804, spent its
8 first winter at Fort Mandan, North Dakota, crossed
9 the Rocky Mountains by the mouth of the Columbia
10 River in mid-November of that year, and wintered at
11 Fort Clatsop, near the present-day city of Astoria,
12 Oregon.

13 (7) The Expedition returned to St. Louis, Mis-
14 souri, on September 23, 1806, after a 28-month
15 journey covering 8,000 miles during which it tra-
16 versed 11 future States: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas,
17 Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Mon-
18 tana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

19 (8) Accounts from the journals of Lewis and
20 Clark and the detailed maps that were prepared by
21 the Expedition enhance knowledge of the western
22 continent and routes for commerce.

23 (9) The Expedition significantly enhanced ami-
24 cable relationships between the United States and
25 the autonomous American Indian nations, and the

1 friendship and respect fostered between American
2 Indian tribes and the Expedition represents the best
3 of diplomacy and relationships between divergent na-
4 tions and cultures.

5 (10) The Lewis and Clark Expedition has been
6 called the most perfect expedition of its kind in the
7 history of the world and paved the way for the
8 United States to become a great world power.

9 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

10 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In commemoration of the bi-
11 centennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Sec-
12 retary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to
13 as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue—

14 (1) not more than 200,000 \$1 coins, each of
15 which shall—

16 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

18 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
19 cent copper; and

20 (2) not more than 200,000 half dollar coins,
21 each of which shall—

22 (A) weigh 12.50 grams;

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

24 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
25 cent copper.

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

4 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
5 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
6 under this title shall be considered to be numismatic items.

7 **SEC. 4. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

8 The Secretary shall obtain silver for minting coins
9 under this title only from stockpiles established under the
10 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

11 **SEC. 5. DESIGN OF COINS.**

12 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
14 minted under this title shall be emblematic of the ex-
15 pedition of Lewis and Clark.

16 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
17 each coin minted under this title there shall be—

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

19 (B) an inscription of the years “1804–
20 1806”; and

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

24 (3) OBVERSE OF COIN.—The obverse of each
25 coin minted under this title shall bear the likeness

1 of Thomas Jefferson, Meriwether Lewis and William
2 Clark.

3 (4) GENERAL DESIGN.—In designing this coin,
4 the Secretary shall also consider incorporating ap-
5 propriate elements from the Jefferson Peace and
6 Friendship Medal which Lewis and Clark presented
7 to the Chiefs of the various Indian tribes they en-
8 countered and shall consider recognizing Native
9 American culture.

10 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
11 under this title shall be selected by the Secretary after
12 consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and shall
13 be reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory
14 Committee.

15 **SEC. 6. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

18 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United
19 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
20 of the coins minted under this title.

21 (c) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary
22 may issue coins minted under this title beginning on Janu-
23 ary 1, 2003.

1 (d) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No
2 coins may be minted under this title after December 31,
3 2003.

4 **SEC. 7. SALE OF COINS.**

5 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this title
6 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
7 of—

8 (1) the face value of the coins;

9 (2) the surcharge provided in subsection (d)
10 with respect to such coins; and

11 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
12 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
13 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

17 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

24 (d) SURCHARGES.—All sales of coins minted under
25 this title shall include a surcharge of—

- 1 (1) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and
- 2 (2) \$7 per coin for the half dollar coin.

3 **SEC. 8. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-**
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
6 (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public
7 contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods
8 and services necessary for carrying out this title.

9 (b) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.—Sub-
10 section (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a con-
11 tract under the authority of this title from complying with
12 any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

13 **SEC. 9. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 5134(f) of title
15 31, United States Code, the proceeds from the surcharges
16 received by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued
17 under this title shall be promptly paid by the Secretary
18 as follows:

19 (1) NATIONAL LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTEN-
20 NIAL COUNCIL.— $\frac{2}{3}$ to the National Lewis and Clark
21 Bicentennial Council, for activities associated with
22 commemorating the bicentennial of the Expedition.

23 (2) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.— $\frac{1}{3}$ to the Na-
24 tional Park Service for activities associated with

1 commemorating the bicentennial of the Lewis and
2 Clark Expedition.

3 (b) AUDITS.—Each organization that receives any
4 payment from the Secretary under this section shall be
5 subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of
6 title 31, United States Code.

7 **SEC. 10. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

13 (b) PAYMENT FOR COINS.—A coin shall not be issued
14 under this title unless the Secretary has received—

15 (1) full payment for the coin;

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

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

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Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.