

105TH CONGRESS
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S. 305

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

AN ACT

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert “Frank” Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities, 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. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds that—

3 (1) Francis Albert “Frank” Sinatra has
4 touched the lives of millions around the world and
5 across generations through his outstanding career in
6 entertainment, which has spanned more than 5 dec-
7 ades;

8 (2) Frank Sinatra has significantly contributed
9 to the entertainment industry through his endeavors
10 as a producer, director, actor, and gifted vocalist;

11 (3) the humanitarian contributions of Frank Si-
12 natra have been recognized in the forms of a Life-
13 time Achievement Award from the NAACP, the
14 Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award from the Acad-
15 emy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Presi-
16 dential Medal of Freedom Award, and the George
17 Foster Peabody Award; and

18 (4) the entertainment accomplishments of
19 Frank Sinatra, including the release of more than
20 50 albums and appearances in more than 60 films,
21 have been recognized in the forms of the Screen Ac-
22 tors Guild Award, the Kennedy Center Honors, 8
23 Grammy Awards from the National Academy of Re-
24 cording Arts and Science, 2 Academy Awards from
25 the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences,
26 and an Emmy Award.

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

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
3 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold
4 medal of appropriate design to Francis Albert “Frank”
5 Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring
6 contributions through his entertainment career and nu-
7 merous humanitarian activities.

8 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
9 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
10 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
11 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
12 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
13 Secretary.

14 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

15 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
16 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
17 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,
18 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, includ-
19 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
20 penses, and the cost of the gold medal.

21 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

22 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
23 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
24 States Code.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**
2 **OF SALE.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 hereby authorized to be charged against the Numismatic
5 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000
6 to pay for the cost of the medal authorized by this Act.

7 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
8 sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
9 deposited in the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1997.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.