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# H. R. 2459

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds that—

5           (1) General Wesley Clark, North Atlantic Trea-  
6       ty Organization (NATO) Supreme Allied Com-  
7       mander, has valiantly directed United States and  
8       NATO forces in Operation Allied Force, culminating  
9       in the successful return to peace in the Balkans fol-  
10      lowing a 78-day air war in the Republic of Yugo-  
11      slavia;

12          (2) the United States and NATO forces under  
13      the command of General Clark quickly degraded and  
14      damaged the Yugoslav military and security struc-  
15      ture that was used to depopulate and destroy the Al-  
16      banian majority in the Yugoslav Republic of Kosovo;

17          (3) the United States and NATO forces under  
18      the command of General Clark achieved the correct  
19      and justified objectives established by the President  
20      and the heads of State and governments of NATO

1 countries, while minimizing coalition casualties and  
2 collateral civilian damage;

3 (4) the victory of United States and NATO  
4 forces provided for the immediate and safe return of  
5 all refugees and displaced persons of Kosovo, leading  
6 to greater stability and order in the Balkan region;

7 (5) the political sensitivities and detailed re-  
8 gional experience possessed by General Clark were  
9 fundamental to the success of Operation Allied  
10 Force and will lead to a lasting peace in accordance  
11 with United Nations Resolutions; and

12 (6) General Clark, together with his able staff  
13 and subordinate commanders, has led the members  
14 of the Armed Forces of the United States in an  
15 achievement of honor and victory remarkable in  
16 United States military history.

17 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

18 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is  
19 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Gen-  
20 eral Wesley Clark a gold medal of appropriate design in  
21 recognition of his exemplary performance as a military  
22 leader in coordinating the planning, strategy, and execu-  
23 tion of the United States and NATO combat action and  
24 his invaluable contributions to the United States and to  
25 the successful return to peace in the Balkans as Supreme

1 Allied Commander, Europe, and Commander-in-Chief,  
2 United States European Command.

3 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the  
4 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
5 of the Treasury (hereafter referred to in this Act as the  
6 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-  
7 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the  
8 Secretary.

9 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

10 The Secretary may strike bronze duplicates of the  
11 gold medal struck pursuant to section 2, under such regu-  
12 lations as the Secretary may prescribe, and may sell such  
13 bronze duplicates at a price sufficient to cover the cost  
14 thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
15 and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

16 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

17 Medals struck pursuant to this Act are national med-  
18 als for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States  
19 Code.

20 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**  
21 **OF SALE.**

22 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
23 authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$30,000 to  
24 carry out section 2.

1       (b) PROCEEDS OF SALES.—Amounts received from  
2 sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be  
3 credited to the appropriation made pursuant to the au-  
4 thorization provided in subsection (a).

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