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To present a congressional gold medal to astronauts Neil A. Armstrong,
Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, the crew of Apollo 11.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

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A. Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, the
crew of Apollo 11.

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 the following:

5 (1) Astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, as com-
6 mander of Apollo 11, achieved the historic accom-
7 plishment of piloting the Lunar Module “Eagle” to
8 the surface of the Moon, and became the first person
9 to walk upon the Moon on July 20, 1969.

1 (2) Astronaut Buzz Aldrin joined Neil A. Arm-
2 strong in piloting the Lunar Module “Eagle” to the
3 surface of the Moon, and became the second person
4 to walk upon the Moon on July 20, 1969.

5 (3) Astronaut Michael Collins provided critical
6 assistance to his fellow astronauts that landed on
7 the Moon by piloting the Command Module “Colum-
8 bia” in the Moon’s orbit and communicating with
9 Earth, thereby allowing his fellow Apollo 11 astro-
10 nauts to successfully complete their mission on the
11 surface of the Moon.

12 (4) By conquering the Moon at great personal
13 risk to their safety, the three Apollo 11 astronauts
14 advanced America scientifically and technologically,
15 paving the way for future missions to other regions
16 in space.

17 (5) The Apollo 11 astronauts, by and through
18 their historic feat, united the country in favor of
19 continued space exploration and research.

20 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

21 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
22 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, gold
23 medals of appropriate design to astronauts Neil A. Arm-
24 strong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, in recognition
25 of their monumental and unprecedented feat of space ex-

1 ploration, as well as their achievements in the advance-
2 ment of science and promotion of the space program.

3 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
4 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
5 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to 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 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
11 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
12 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2 at a price
13 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor,
14 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

15 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

18 **SEC. 5. PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

19 Amounts received from the sale of duplicate bronze
20 medals under section 3 shall be deposited in the United
21 States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

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