

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2078

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Muhammad Ali in recognition of his outstanding athletic accomplishments and enduring contributions to humanity, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 22, 2000

Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Muhammad Ali in recognition of his outstanding athletic accomplishments and enduring contributions to humanity, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Muhammad Ali was born Cassius Marcellus
6 Clay on January 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky,
7 the grandson of slaves.

1 (2) Muhammad Ali's numerous athletic accom-
2 plishments include 100 wins in 108 fights as an
3 amateur boxer; a gold medal at the 1960 Olympic
4 Games in Rome; 56 wins in 61 fights, including 37
5 knockouts, as a professional boxer; and 3 times win-
6 ning the Heavyweight Boxing Championship of the
7 World.

8 (3) The list of opponents Muhammad Ali de-
9 feated include George Foreman, Joe Frazier, Sonny
10 Liston, Floyd Patterson, Henry Cooper, Archie
11 Moore, Ken Norton, Jerry Quarry, Jimmy Ellis, and
12 Leon Spinks.

13 (4) Muhammad Ali was recently inducted into
14 the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame, and is one of
15 the most well-known and respected citizens to come
16 from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

17 (5) Muhammad Ali is respected around the
18 world as a man of conscience for his strongly held
19 religious views and charitable work.

20 (6) Muhammad Ali has inspired countless oth-
21 ers by his brave struggle with Parkinson's disease.

22 (7) Because of his athletic exploits, Muhammad
23 Ali is widely regarded as the finest athlete of the
24 20th century.

1 (8) Throughout the world, Muhammad Ali is
2 known simply as “The Greatest”.

3 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

4 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
5 authorized to present, on behalf of Congress, a gold medal
6 of appropriate design to Muhammad Ali in recognition of
7 Muhammad Ali’s outstanding athletic accomplishments
8 and enduring contributions to humanity.

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

15 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

16 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
17 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
18 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2 at a price
19 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including the
20 costs of labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and over-
21 head expenses.

22 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

1 **SEC. 5. FUNDING AND PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be
3 charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise
4 Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay for the
5 cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

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

○