An Act

To authorize the President to award posthumously a gold medal on behalf of
the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contribu-
tions to the Nation and the world, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Charles M. Schulz was born on November 26, 1922,
in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of Carl and Dena Schulz.
(2) Charles M. Schulz served his country in World War
II, working his way up from infantryman to staff sergeant
and eventually leading a machine gun squad. He kept morale
high by decorating fellow soldiers' letters home with cartoons
of barracks life.
(3) After returning from the war, Charles M. Schulz
returned to his love for illustration, and took a job with “Time-
less Topix”. He also took a second job as an art instructor.
Eventually, his hard work paid off when the Saturday Evening
Post began purchasing a number of his single comic panels.
(4) It was in his first weekly comic strip, “L'il Folks’,
that Charlie Brown was born. That comic strip, which was
eventually renamed “Peanuts”, became the sole focus of Charles
M. Schulz's career.
(5) Charles M. Schulz drew every frame of the “Peanuts”
strip, which ran 7 days a week, since it was created in October
1950. This is rare dedication in the field of comic illustration.
(6) The “Peanuts” comic strip appeared in 2,600 newspapers
around the world daily until January 3, 2000, and on Sundays
until February 13, 2000, and reached approximately
335,000,000 readers every day in 20 different languages,
making Charles M. Schulz the most successful comic illustrator
in the world.
Christmas”, has run for 34 consecutive years. In all, more
than 60 animated specials have been created based on “Pea-
nuts” characters. Four feature films, 1,400 books, and a hit
Broadway musical about the “Peanuts” characters have also
been produced.
(8) Charles M. Schulz was a leader in the field of comic
illustration and in his community. He paved the way for other
artists in this field over the last 50 years and continues to
be praised for his outstanding achievements.
(9) Charles M. Schulz gave back to his community in many
ways, including owning and operating Redwood Empire Ice
Arena in Santa Rosa, California. The arena has become a
favorite gathering spot for people of all ages. Charles M. Schulz
also financed a yearly ice show that drew crowds from all
over the San Francisco Bay Area.
(10) Charles M. Schulz gave the Nation a unique sense
of optimism, purpose, and pride. Whether through the Great
Pumpkin Patch, the Kite Eating Tree, Lucy’s Psychiatric Help Stand, or Snoopy’s adventures with the Red Baron, “Peanuts” embodied human vulnerabilities, emotions, and potential.

(11) Charles M. Schulz’s lifetime of work linked generations of Americans and became a part of the fabric of our national culture.

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The President is authorized to award posthumously, on behalf of the Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world.

(b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

Under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2 at a price sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.

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

SEC. 5. FUNDING AND PROCEEDS OF SALE.

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

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

Approved June 20, 2000.