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H. R. 2131

To award a congressional gold medal to President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GIBBONS (for himself, Mr. REYES, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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. FINDING.**

4 The Congress finds that President Jose Maria Aznar
5 of Spain has—

6 (1) clearly demonstrated, during a very trying
7 and historic time for our two nations, as well as for
8 all other peaceful and free nations, that he is a
9 staunch and steadfast ally of the United States of
10 America;

1 (2) recognized the threat of terrorism to the se-
2 curity of the world; and

3 (3) steadfastly provided support to fight ter-
4 rorism throughout the world.

5 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

6 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
7 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-
8 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
9 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
10 medal of appropriate design, to President Jose Maria
11 Aznar, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring con-
12 tributions to maintaining the security of all freedom-loving
13 nations.

14 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
15 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
16 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
17 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
18 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Sec-
19 retary.

20 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

21 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
22 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
23 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
24 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,

1 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
2 and the cost of the gold medal.

3 **SEC. 4. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

4 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
5 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
6 51 of title 31, United States Code.

7 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
8 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
9 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

10 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
11 **SALE.**

12 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
13 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
14 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
15 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
16 to this Act.

17 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
18 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
19 3 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
20 Enterprise Fund.

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