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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the opening of the National Archives Building, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PRYCE of Ohio (for herself, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. LEACH) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Archives 75th
5 Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The year 2010 commemorates the 75th An-
2 niversary of the opening of the National Archives
3 Building, which houses the Declaration of Independ-
4 ence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights
5 (known collectively as the Charters of Freedom).

6 (2) The National Archives and Records Admin-
7 istration has, over the course of its history, estab-
8 lished itself as public trust on which our democracy
9 depends and has proven itself to be a vital and in-
10 valuable resource within the Federal Government.

11 (3) The National Archives and Records Admin-
12 istration has expanded its role as the nation's rec-
13 ordkeeper and raised its public profile as democ-
14 racy's beacon.

15 (4) The National Archives and Records Admin-
16 istration serves American democracy by ensuring
17 that the people can discover, use, and trust the
18 records of our government.

19 (5) The National Archives and Records Admin-
20 istration fulfills this role by—

21 (A) preserving for the American people
22 and their public servants the records of our
23 Federal Government;

24 (B) ensuring continuing access to the es-
25 sential documentation of the rights of American

1 citizens and the actions of their Government;
2 and

3 (C) promoting democracy, civic education,
4 and historical understanding of our national ex-
5 perience.

6 (6) In 1935, the National Archives Building
7 was opened on the Washington Mall, featuring a
8 grand rotunda designed for the display of the Dec-
9 laration of Independence, the Constitution, and the
10 Bill of Rights.

11 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
13 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall
14 mint and issue such number of \$1 coins as the Secretary
15 may determine to be appropriate, in the quantities de-
16 scribed in section 4, each of which shall—

17 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

18 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

19 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
20 copper.

21 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
22 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
23 title 31, United States Code.

1 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
2 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
3 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

4 **SEC. 4. DESIGN AND QUANTITIES OF COINS.**

5 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
7 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
8 National Archives Building and shall honor the Na-
9 tional Archives and Records Administration as a
10 public trust on which our democracy depends and of
11 the Charters of Freedom that the Administration en-
12 shrines for posterity.

13 (2) OBVERSE.—The obverse of the coins minted
14 under this Act shall be representative of the 75th
15 Anniversary of the National Archives Building.

16 (3) REVERSE.—

17 (A) DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.—
18 Not more than 350,000 of the \$1 coins minted
19 under this Act shall feature an image of the
20 Declaration of Independence.

21 (B) UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.—Not
22 more than 350,000 of the \$1 coins minted
23 under this Act shall feature an image of the
24 Constitution of the United States.

1 (C) BILL OF RIGHTS.—Not more than
2 350,000 of the \$1 coins minted under this Act
3 shall feature an image of the Bill of Rights.

4 (b) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin
5 minted under this Act there shall be—

6 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;

7 (2) an inscription of the year “2010”; and

8 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
9 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
10 “E Pluribus Unum”.

11 (c) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
12 under this Act shall be—

13 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
14 with the Commission of Fine Arts and the Founda-
15 tion for the National Archives; and

16 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
17 Committee established under section 5135 of title
18 31, United States Code.

19 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

20 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
21 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

22 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United
23 States Mint may be used to strike any particular combina-
24 tion of denomination and quality of the coins minted under
25 this Act.

1 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
2 issue coins minted under this Act only during the period
3 beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
4 31, 2010.

5 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

6 (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, the coins issued under this Act shall be sold
8 by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the face
9 value of the coins, the surcharge required under section
10 7(a) for the coins, and the cost of designing and issuing
11 such coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machin-
12 ery, overhead expenses, and marketing).

13 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
14 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
15 discount.

16 (c) PREPAID ORDERS AT A DISCOUNT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
18 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
19 before the issuance of such coins.

20 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
21 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
22 sonable discount.

23 (d) PROMOTION CONSULTATION.—The Secretary
24 shall—

1 (1) consult with the National Archives and
2 Records Administration to determine the feasibility
3 of providing a role for the National Archives and
4 Records Administration in the promotion, adver-
5 tising, and marketing of the coins minted under this
6 Act; and

7 (2) if the Secretary determines that such action
8 would be beneficial to the sale of coins minted under
9 this Act, enter into a memorandum of agreement
10 with the National Archives and Records Administra-
11 tion to carry out the role established under para-
12 graph (1).

13 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

14 (a) **SURCHARGE REQUIRED.**—All sales shall include
15 a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

16 (b) **DISTRIBUTION.**—Subject to section 5134(f) of
17 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
18 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
19 shall be paid by the Secretary to, and divided equally be-
20 tween, the Foundation for the National Archives and the
21 National Archives and Records Administration Trust
22 Fund to be used for the purpose of supporting public pro-
23 grams, educational outreach activities, and archival pro-
24 grams of the National Archives and Records Administra-
25 tion.

1 (c) AUDITS.—The Foundation for the National Ar-
2 chives and the National Archives and Records Administra-
3 tion Trust Fund shall be subject to the audit requirements
4 of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with
5 regard to the amounts received by the Fund under sub-
6 section (b).

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