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To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2009

Mr. BACA (for himself and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas) 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Arnold Palmer is a world famous golf pro-
6 fessional, a highly successful business executive, a
7 prominent advertising spokesman, a devoted hus-
8 band, father, and grandfather, and a man with a

1 common touch that has made him one of the most
2 popular and accessible public figures in history.

3 (2) Arnold Palmer amassed 92 championships
4 in professional competition of national or inter-
5 national stature by the end of 1993, 62 of which
6 came on the Professional Golf Association Tour.

7 (3) Arnold Palmer's magnetic personality and
8 unfailing sense of kindness and thoughtfulness have
9 endeared him to millions throughout the world.

10 (4) Arnold Palmer has been the recipient of
11 countless honors including virtually every national
12 award in golf and both the Hickok Athlete of the
13 Year and Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year
14 awards, and he was chosen Athlete of the Decade for
15 the 1960s in a national Associated Press poll.

16 (5) Arnold Palmer has received numerous hon-
17 ors outside the world of sports, including the Patriot
18 Award of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society,
19 the Golden Plate award of the American Academy of
20 Achievement, and the United States Navy Memorial
21 Lone Sailor Award.

22 (6) Arnold Palmer was honored by the United
23 States Golf Association with the opening of the Ar-
24 nold Palmer Center for Golf History on June 3rd
25 2008.

1 (7) Arnold Palmer served his country for 3
2 years in the United States Coast Guard and was
3 among those chosen to address the Joint Session of
4 Congress on the occasion of the 100th anniversary
5 of the birth of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

6 (8) Arnold Palmer served as Honorary National
7 Chairman of the March of Dimes Birth Defects
8 Foundation for 20 years and played a major role in
9 the fund-raising drive that led to the creation of the
10 Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando and
11 the Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation in
12 his Western Pennsylvania hometown.

13 (9) Arnold Palmer remains active in tour-
14 nament golf, although he retired from competition in
15 the major championships on April 14, 2002, when
16 he played the last of his 48 Masters Tournaments,
17 where he was given an emotional standing ovation as
18 he finished the 18th hole.

19 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

20 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
21 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-
22 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
23 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
24 medal of appropriate design to Arnold Palmer in recogni-

1 tion of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence
2 and good sportsmanship.

3 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
4 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
5 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
6 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
7 Secretary.

8 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

9 Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treas-
10 ury may prescribe, the Secretary may strike duplicate
11 medals in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to
12 section 2 and sell such duplicate medals at a price suffi-
13 cient to cover the costs of the duplicate medals (including
14 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
15 penses) and the cost of the gold medal.

16 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

19 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

20 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF CHARGES.—There is author-
21 ized to be charged against the United States Mint Public
22 Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay
23 for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

24 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
25 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be

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1 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
2 Fund.

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