

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2245

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 21, 2009

Received; read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

AN ACT

To authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission’s command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

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 “New Frontier Congres-
5 sional Gold Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds that—

3 (1) as spacecraft commander for Apollo 11, the
4 first manned lunar landing mission, Neil A. Arm-
5 strong gained the distinction of being the first man
6 to land a craft on the moon and first to step on its
7 surface on July 21, 1969;

8 (2) by conquering the moon at great personal
9 risk to safety, Neil Armstrong advanced America sci-
10 entifically and technologically, paving the way for fu-
11 ture missions to other regions in space;

12 (3) Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., joined Arm-
13 strong in piloting the lunar module, Eagle, to the
14 surface of the moon, and became the second person
15 to walk upon its surface;

16 (4) Michael Collins piloted the command mod-
17 ule, Columbia, in lunar orbit and helped his fellow
18 Apollo 11 astronauts complete their mission on the
19 moon;

20 (5) John Herschel Glenn, Jr., helped pave the
21 way for the first lunar landing when on February
22 20, 1962, he became the first American to orbit the
23 Earth; and

24 (6) John Glenn’s actions, like Armstrong’s,
25 Aldrin’s and Collins’s, continue to greatly inspire the
26 people of the United States.

1 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
3 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Neil
4 A. Armstrong, Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., Michael Col-
5 lins, and John Herschel Glenn, Jr., each a gold medal of
6 appropriate design, in recognition of their significant con-
7 tributions to society.

8 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
9 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
10 of the Treasury shall strike gold medals with suitable em-
11 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
12 Secretary.

13 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

14 The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell
15 duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant
16 to section 3 under such regulations as the Secretary may
17 prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof,
18 including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and
19 overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medals.

20 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

21 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
22 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
23 States Code.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
2 **SALE.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.**—There is
4 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
5 Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as may be nec-
6 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
7 to this Act.

8 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the
9 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
10 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
11 Enterprise Fund.

Passed the House of Representatives July 20, 2009.

Attest: **LORRAINE C. MILLER,**
Clerk.