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H. R. 5483

To award a congressional gold medal to the United States Cadet Nurse Corps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The United States experienced an extreme
6 shortage of nurses and medical personnel during
7 World War II, and this shortage was filled in part
8 by the 180,000 women of the United States Cadet
9 Nurse Corps.

1 (2) The United States Cadet Nurse Corps was
2 under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Service,
3 a branch of the uniformed services of the United
4 States.

5 (3) The United States Cadet Nurse Corps was
6 established pursuant to the Act of June 15, 1943
7 (Chapter 126; 57 Stat. 153), commonly known as
8 the Bolton Act in honor of Congresswoman Frances
9 Payne Bolton who introduced the legislation.

10 (4) Few opportunities were available to women,
11 and the United States Cadet Nurse Corps allowed
12 many young women to serve our country the best
13 way they could and fill the domestic nursing short-
14 age in our country.

15 (5) The members of the United States Cadet
16 Nurse Corps were required to undergo training that
17 involved 12-hour days in hospitals followed by class-
18 es, with specific standards for admission into the
19 Corps.

20 (6) The members of the United States Cadet
21 Nurse Corps made a pledge upon entrance into their
22 post to be available for military, governmental, or es-
23 sential civilian services for the duration of World
24 War II.

1 (7) The members of the United States Cadet
2 Nurse Corps wore uniforms with patches certified by
3 the Secretary of the Army and served under the au-
4 thority of commissioned officers.

5 (8) Members of the United States Cadet Nurse
6 Corps were charged with caring for sick and wound-
7 ed members of the Armed Forces and performed
8 other duties in promotion of the public interest in
9 connection with military operations.

10 (9) The United States Cadet Nurse Corps was
11 responsible for saving civilian hospital nursing serv-
12 ices by providing 80 percent of the nursing staff for
13 civilian hospitals during World War II.

14 (10) Some members of the United States Cadet
15 Nurse Corps left their families and served all across
16 the Nation in various hospitals, occasionally sub-
17 stituting for doctors.

18 (11) The legacy of the Cadet Nurse Corps is
19 manifold, as their service maintained a strong health
20 care system during a severe health shortage, profes-
21 sionalized nursing school education and training,
22 and stimulated interest in the nursing profession
23 and created greater public recognition of nurses.

24 (12) The United States Cadet Nurse Corps, de-
25 spite their historic and patriotic contributions, re-

1 mains unrecognized as a military organization and
2 its members remain unrecognized as veterans of the
3 United States Army.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

5 (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The President pro tem-
6 pore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives shall make appropriate arrangements for the
8 award, on behalf of the Congress, of a single gold medal
9 of appropriate design in honor of the United States Cadet
10 Nurse Corps, collectively, in recognition of their patriotism
11 and civic activism in a time of emergency during World
12 War II which saved civilian hospital nursing services and
13 provided 80 percent of the nursing staff for civilian hos-
14 pitals during World War II.

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

21 (c) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the award of the
23 gold medal in honor of the United States Cadet
24 Nurse Corps, the gold medal shall be given to the

1 Smithsonian Institution, where it will be displayed
2 as appropriate and made available for research.

3 (2) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense
4 of the Congress that the Smithsonian Institution
5 shall make the gold medal received under this Act
6 available for display elsewhere, particularly at other
7 locations associated with the Cadet Nurse Corps.

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

9 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
10 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
11 bronze of the gold medal struck under this Act, at a price
12 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor,
13 materials, dyes, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

14 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

15 Medals struck pursuant to this Act are national med-
16 als for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States
17 Code.

18 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**
19 **OF SALE.**

20 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
21 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
22 Public Enterprise Fund, an amount not to exceed \$30,000
23 to pay for the cost of the medal authorized under section
24 2.

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

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