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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WU, Mr. BARROW, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WOLF, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. LEWIS of California, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia) 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 “Girl Scouts USA Cen-
5 tennial Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress find as follows:

1 (1) The Girl Scouts of the United States of
2 America is the world’s preeminent organization dedi-
3 cated solely to girls where they build character and
4 skills for success in the real world.

5 (2) In 1911, Juliette Gordon Low met Sir Rob-
6 ert Baden-Powell, a war hero and the founder of the
7 Boy Scouts.

8 (3) With Baden-Powell’s help and encourage-
9 ment, Juliette Gordon Low made plans to start a
10 similar association for American girls.

11 (4) On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low
12 organized the first 2 Girl Scout Troops in Savannah,
13 Georgia consisting of 18 members.

14 (5) Low devoted the next 15 years of her life
15 to building the organization, which would become
16 the largest voluntary association for women and girls
17 in the United States.

18 (6) Low drafted the Girl Scout laws, supervised
19 the writing of the first handbook in 1913, and pro-
20 vided most of the financial support for the organiza-
21 tion during its early years.

22 (7) The Girl Scouts of the United States of
23 America was chartered by the United States Con-
24 gress in 1950 in title 36, United States Code.

1 (8) Today there are more than 3,700,000 mem-
2 bers in 236,000 troops throughout the United States
3 and United States territories.

4 (9) Through membership in the World Associa-
5 tion of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girls Scouts of
6 the United States of America is part of a worldwide
7 family of 10,000,000 girls and adults in 145 coun-
8 tries.

9 (10) More than 50,000,000 American women
10 enjoyed Girl Scouting during their childhood—and
11 that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of the
12 United States of America continues to inspire, chal-
13 lenge, and empower girls everywhere.

14 (11) March 12, 2012 will mark the 100th Anni-
15 versary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of
16 America.

17 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

18 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
19 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
20 shall mint and issue not more than 350,000 \$1 coins in
21 commemoration of the centennial of the Girl Scouts of the
22 USA, each of which shall—

23 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

1 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
2 copper.

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

6 (c) **NUMISMATIC ITEMS.**—For purposes of sections
7 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
8 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
9 matic items.

10 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

11 (a) **DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.**—

12 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The design of the coins
13 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
14 centennial of the Girl Scouts of the United States of
15 America.

16 (2) **DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.**—On
17 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

18 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

19 (B) an inscription of the year “2011”; and

20 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

21 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-

22 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

23 (b) **SELECTION.**—The design for the coins minted
24 under this Act shall be—

1 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation
2 with the Girl Scouts of the United States of America
3 and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

4 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
5 Committee.

6 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

9 (b) **MINT FACILITY.**—

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Only 1 facility of the United
11 States Mint may be used to strike any particular
12 quality of the coins minted under this Act.

13 (2) **USE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT AT**
14 **WEST POINT, NEW YORK.**—It is the sense of the
15 Congress that the coins minted under this Act
16 should be struck at the United States Mint at West
17 Point, New York, to the greatest extent possible.

18 (c) **PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may
19 issue coins under this Act only during the calendar year
20 beginning on January 1, 2011.

21 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

22 (a) **SALE PRICE.**—The coins issued under this Act
23 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
24 of—

25 (1) the face value of the coins;

1 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7 with re-
2 spect to such coins; and

3 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
4 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
5 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

9 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

16 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
18 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

19 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
20 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
21 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
22 shall be paid to the Girl Scouts of the United States of
23 America to be made available for Girl Scout program de-
24 velopment and delivery.

1 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United
2 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,
3 documents, and other data of the Girl Scouts of the
4 United States of America as may be related to the expend-
5 itures of amounts paid under subsection (b).

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