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## AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins  
in recognition of the fight against breast cancer.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Breast Cancer Aware-  
3 ness Commemorative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Breast cancer is the most common cancer  
7 among American women, except for skin cancers.  
8 Today, about 1 in 8, or 12 percent of, women in the  
9 United States will develop invasive breast cancer  
10 during their lifetime. This is an increase from 1 in  
11 11, or 9 percent of, women in 1975.

12 (2) Breast cancer is the second leading cause of  
13 cancer death in women. The chance of dying from  
14 breast cancer is about 1 in 36. Thanks to earlier de-  
15 tection, increased awareness, and improved treat-  
16 ment, death rates from breast cancer have decreased  
17 since about 1989.

18 (3) There is a strong interest among the Amer-  
19 ican public to do more to tackle this disease. The  
20 National Cancer Institute estimates \$16.5 billion is  
21 spent in the United States each year on breast can-  
22 cer treatment. Assuming that incidence and survival  
23 rates follow recent trends, it is estimated that \$17.2  
24 billion will be spent on breast cancer care in the  
25 United States in 2014.

1           (4) Finding a cure for breast cancer is a goal  
2 of the United States Government.

3           (5) The National Institutes of Health dedicated  
4 an estimated \$674 million for breast cancer research  
5 in Fiscal Year 2014. In Fiscal Year 2014, the De-  
6 partment of Defense's Breast Cancer Research Pro-  
7 gram received \$120 million.

8           (6) While the National Institutes of Health and  
9 the Department of Defense program on Breast Can-  
10 cer research remain the largest funders of breast  
11 cancer research in the United States, in 2013, the  
12 National Cancer Institute funding was reduced by  
13 nearly \$66 million since 2011. The funding level for  
14 the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research  
15 Program has remained consistent since 2012, how-  
16 ever this amount represents a 20-percent decrease  
17 from 2011 funding levels.

18           (7) Additional private sector support for breast  
19 cancer research will help us find cures for breast  
20 cancer even faster.

21           (8) It is estimated that in the United States  
22 231,840 women will be diagnosed with and 40,290  
23 women will die of cancer of the breast in 2015. This  
24 means that every 13 minutes a woman dies of breast  
25 cancer in the United States.

1           (9) However, due to disease type and lack of  
2           adequate care, African-American women have the  
3           highest death rates of all racial and ethnic groups  
4           overall and are at least 44 percent more likely to die  
5           of breast cancer as compared to other racial and  
6           ethnic groups.

7           (10) Breast cancer used to be considered a dis-  
8           ease of aging but recent trends show that more ag-  
9           gressive forms of the disease have been increasingly  
10          diagnosed in younger women.

11          (11) Breast cancer is the most frequently diag-  
12          nosed cancer among nearly every racial and ethnic  
13          group, including African-American, American In-  
14          dian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, and His-  
15          panic/Latina women.

16          (12) Clinical advances, resulting from research,  
17          have led to increased survival from breast cancer.  
18          Since 1990, death rates from breast cancer have  
19          dropped over 34 percent.

20          (13) Among men in the United States it is esti-  
21          mated that there will be 2,350 new cases of invasive  
22          breast cancer and 440 breast cancer deaths in 2015.

23          (14) At this time there are more than 3.1 mil-  
24          lion breast cancer survivors in the United States.

1           (15) It is estimated that breast cancer costs  
2           \$12.5 billion in lost productivity. Such productivity  
3           losses will increase with projected growth rate and  
4           aging of the U.S. population if cancer mortality  
5           rates stay constant in the future.

6           (16) There is a better chance of survival and  
7           there are more treatment options with early stage  
8           detection through mammograms and clinical breast  
9           exams.

10          (17) Breast cancer is the most common cancer  
11          in women worldwide, with an estimated 1.7 million  
12          new cases of breast cancer among women worldwide  
13          in 2012.

14          (18) Breast Cancer Research Foundation  
15          (BCRF) is considered one of the most efficient can-  
16          cer research charities.

17          (19) Of every dollar donated to BCRF, \$0.91  
18          goes to research and awareness programs—88 cents  
19          towards research and 3 cents towards awareness.

20          (20) Founded in 1993, the BCRF has raised  
21          more than \$500 million to fuel discoveries in tumor  
22          biology, genetics, prevention, treatment, survivor-  
23          ship, and metastasis, making BCRF one of the larg-  
24          est private funders of breast cancer research in the  
25          world. For 2014–2015, BCRF committed \$58.6 mil-

1 lion in research, including \$11.6 million to the inter-  
2 national Evelyn H. Lauder Founder’s Fund focused  
3 on metastasis, to support the work of more than 220  
4 researchers at leading medical institutions across 6  
5 continents (25 states and 14 countries).

6 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

7 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
8 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
9 shall mint and issue the following coins:

10 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5  
11 gold coins, which shall—

12 (A) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

13 (B) be made of “pink gold” which contains  
14 not less than 75 percent gold.

15 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000  
16 \$1 coins, which shall—

17 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

19 (C) contain not less than 90 percent silver.

20 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more  
21 than 750,000 half-dollar coins which shall—

22 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

23 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

1 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-  
2 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title  
3 31, United States Code.

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

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

11 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

12 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
14 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
15 fight against breast cancer.

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

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

20 (B) an inscription of the year “2018”; and

21 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,  
22 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
23 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

24 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
25 under this Act shall be selected by the Secretary based

1 on the winning design from a juried, compensated design  
2 competition described under subsection (c).

3 (c) DESIGN COMPETITION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall hold a  
5 competition and provide compensation for its winner  
6 to design the obverse and reverse of the coins minted  
7 under this Act. The competition shall be judged by  
8 an expert jury chaired by the Secretary and con-  
9 sisting of three members from the Citizens Coinage  
10 Advisory Committee who shall be elected by such  
11 Committee and three members from the Commission  
12 of Fine Arts who shall be elected by such Commis-  
13 sion.

14 (2) PROPOSALS.—As part of the competition  
15 described in this subsection, the Secretary may ac-  
16 cept proposals from artists, engravers of the United  
17 States Mint, and members of the general public, and  
18 any designs submitted for the design review process  
19 described herein shall be anonymized until a final se-  
20 lection is made.

21 (3) ACCOMPANYING DESIGNS; PREFERENCE  
22 FOR PHYSICAL DESIGNS.—The Secretary shall en-  
23 courage three-dimensional designs to be submitted  
24 as part of the proposals, and the jury shall give a  
25 preference for proposals that are accompanied by a

1 three-dimensional physical design instead of, or in  
2 addition to, an electronic design.

3 (4) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary shall de-  
4 termine compensation for the winning design under  
5 this subsection, which shall be not less than \$5,000.  
6 The Secretary shall take into account this compensa-  
7 tion amount when determining the sale price de-  
8 scribed in section 6(a).

9 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

12 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
13 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year  
14 period beginning on January 1, 2018.

15 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

16 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act  
17 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum  
18 of—

19 (1) the face value of the coins;

20 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with  
21 respect to the coins; and

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

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

4 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

11 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this  
13 Act shall include a surcharge of—

14 (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

15 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

16 (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

17 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
18 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which are re-  
19 ceived by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under  
20 this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the  
21 Breast Cancer Research Foundation, New York, New  
22 York, for the purpose of furthering breast cancer research  
23 funded by the Foundation.

24 (c) AUDITS.—The surcharge recipients under sub-  
25 section (b) shall be subject to the audit requirements of

1 section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with  
2 regard to the amounts received under that subsection.

3 (d) LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
4 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
5 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
6 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
7 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-  
8 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual two  
9 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under  
10 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in  
11 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-  
12 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out  
13 this subsection.

Passed the House of Representatives June 15, 2015.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*