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AN ACT

To award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition and other material to win the war, that were referred to as “Rosie the Riveter”, in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations.

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 “Rosie the Riveter Con-
5 gressional Gold Medal Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Over 70 years ago there was a call to ac-
9 tion, a demand for workers to fill the vacancies left
10 by the men who went to fight in the war.

11 (2) More than 6 million women answered the
12 call then, entering the workforce during World War
13 II and providing the equipment, weaponry and am-
14 munition to achieve final victory and end the war.

15 (3) These women left their homes to work or
16 volunteer full-time in factories, farms, shipyards, air-
17 plane factories, banks, and other institutions in sup-
18 port of the military overseas.

19 (4) They worked with the United Service Orga-
20 nizations and the American Red Cross, drove trucks,
21 riveted airplane parts, collected critical materials,
22 rolled bandages, and served on rationing boards.

23 (5) Our “Rosie the Riveter”, the women who
24 worked and sacrificed to strengthen this country

1 during World War II, are among the greatest living
2 heroines in the United States.

3 (6) These women persevered, despite often fac-
4 ing harassment from their male colleagues and dis-
5 approval from their male family members, and all
6 the while continued to maintain their “other jobs”
7 as caretakers of children and their households.

8 (7) Minority women also overcame long-held
9 policies of discrimination and made significant con-
10 tributions to the war effort.

11 (8) Because of the “Rosies”, Federal, State,
12 and local agencies coordinated with business owners
13 to develop childcare programs and other supports for
14 working mothers.

15 (9) The example that these women set during
16 World War II continues to inspire us and blaze a
17 path for the working women and young girls of
18 today.

19 (10) Specifically, the images of “Rosie the Riv-
20 eter” and the phrase “We Can Do It” continue to
21 symbolize the empowerment of women today, rep-
22 resenting patriotic women who want to serve and
23 strengthen their country, and to inspire young girls
24 to become “21st Century Rosies” by aspiring to, and

1 attaining positions of leadership in all walks of life
2 in America.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) ROSIE THE RIVETER.—The term “Rosie the Riv-
5 eter” includes any female individual who held employment
6 or volunteered in support of the war efforts during World
7 War II.

8 (b) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the
9 Secretary of the Treasury.

10 **SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

11 (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the
12 House of Representatives and the President pro tempore
13 of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the
14 award, on behalf of Congress, of a single gold medal of
15 appropriate design in commemoration to Rosie the Riv-
16 eter, collectively, in recognition of their contributions to
17 the Nation and the inspiration they have provided to ensu-
18 ing generations.

19 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
20 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
21 Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall
22 strike the gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and
23 inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

24 (c) NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the award of the
2 gold medal under subsection (a), the gold medal
3 shall be given to the National Museum of American
4 History of the Smithsonian Institution, where it
5 shall be available for display as appropriate and
6 made available for research.

7 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
8 Congress that the National Museum of American
9 History shall make the gold medal received under
10 paragraph (1) available for display elsewhere, par-
11 ticularly at other appropriate locations associated
12 with Rosie the Riveter.

13 **SEC. 5. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

14 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
15 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 4
16 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
17 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
18 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
19 and the cost of the gold medal.

20 **SEC. 6. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

21 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
22 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
23 51 of title 31, United States Code.

1 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
2 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
3 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

4 **SEC. 7. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

5 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
6 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
7 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
8 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
9 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
10 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
11 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
12 vote on passage.

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Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
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