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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration
of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

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A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

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 “National Purple Heart
 5 Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor’s
 9 mission is—

10 (A) to commemorate the extraordinary sac-
 11 rifice of America’s servicemen and service-
 12 women who were killed or wounded by enemy
 13 action; and

1 (B) to collect and preserve the stories of
2 Purple Heart recipients from all branches of
3 service and across generations to ensure that all
4 recipients are represented.

5 (2) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
6 first opened its doors on November 10, 2006, in
7 New Windsor, NY.

8 (3) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
9 is co-located with the New Windsor Cantonment
10 State Historic Site.

11 (4) The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
12 is the first to recognize the estimated 1.8 million
13 U.S. servicemembers wounded or killed in action
14 representing recipients from the Civil War to the
15 present day, serving as a living memorial to their
16 sacrifice by sharing their stories through interviews,
17 exhibits and the Roll of Honor, an interactive com-
18 puter database of each recipient enrolled.

19 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

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

23 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
24 coins, which shall—

25 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

1 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and
2 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
3 alloy.

4 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
5 \$1 coins, which shall—

6 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

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

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

11 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

13 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-

14 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title

15 31, United States Code.

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

19 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
20 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
21 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

22 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

23 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
2 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
3 National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

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

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

7 (B) an inscription of the year “2021”; and

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

11 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
12 under this Act shall be—

13 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
14 with the Commission of Fine Arts and the National
15 Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Inc.; and

16 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
17 Committee.

18 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

21 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only the West Point Mint may
22 be used to strike any particular quality of the coins minted
23 under this Act.

1 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
2 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
3 period beginning on January 1, 2021.

4 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

8 (1) the face value of the coins;

9 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with
10 respect to such coins; and

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

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

17 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

4 (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

5 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

6 (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

7 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f)(1) of
8 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
9 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
10 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the National
11 Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Inc., to support the mission
12 of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Inc., includ-
13 ing capital improvements to the National Purple Heart
14 Hall of Honor facilities.

15 (c) AUDITS.—The National Purple Heart Hall of
16 Honor, Inc., shall be subject to the audit requirements of
17 section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with
18 regard to the amounts received under subsection (b).

19 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
20 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
21 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
22 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
23 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
24 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
25 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
26 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in

1 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
2 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
3 this subsection.

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