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1ST SESSION

H. R. 3589

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
Urban Affairs

AN ACT

To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Greg LeMond,
in recognition of his service to the Nation as an athlete,
activist, role model, and community leader.

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 “Greg LeMond Congres-
3 sional Gold Medal Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Gregory James “Greg” LeMond was born
7 in Lakewood, California, on June 26, 1961.

8 (2) Greg began cycling at the age of 14, win-
9 ning an astonishing 11 straight races to begin his
10 career.

11 (3) Greg took home a full suite of medals at the
12 1979 Junior World Championships, including gold,
13 silver, and bronze, emerging victorious in the road
14 race and placing in both team and track pursuit
15 events.

16 (4) At age 18, Greg became the youngest cyclist
17 in the history of the sport to be selected for the
18 United States Men’s Olympic team.

19 (5) Greg emerged victorious in the 1980 Circuit
20 de la Sarthe, becoming the first American in history
21 and the youngest rider ever to win a major pro-am
22 cycling event on the European continent.

23 (6) At age 19, Greg signed his first professional
24 contract.

25 (7) In 1982, Greg made the first of several re-
26 markable recoveries, returning from a broken collar-

1 bone to win the silver medal at the world champion-
2 ships in Great Britain.

3 (8) The Tour de France, the world's pre-
4 eminent cycling competition, was first held over a
5 century ago, in 1903.

6 (9) The Tour de France takes place over 23
7 days, covering an extraordinary 2,200 miles, winding
8 through multiple mountain ranges, spanning mul-
9 tiple nations, and is viewed as comparable to run-
10 ning a marathon every day for three consecutive
11 weeks.

12 (10) Greg first competed in the Tour de France
13 in 1984, finishing third, and finishing second the
14 following year, in both years deputizing himself to
15 his teammates, sacrificing a chance to win himself to
16 boost his teammates toward victory.

17 (11) Greg emerged victorious in the 1986 Tour
18 de France, ascending the fabled Alpe D'Huez, de-
19 feating the field by more than 3 full minutes, becom-
20 ing the first American and the first non-European to
21 win cycling's most prestigious race.

22 (12) In 1987, while recovering from a broken
23 wrist and collarbone, Greg was tragically shot during
24 a turkey hunting accident, leaving him in intensive
25 care, requiring the removal of over 40 shotgun pel-

1 lets from his abdomen, was deemed unlikely to ever
2 ride a bicycle again, and likely survived only due to
3 the abnormal strength of his cardiovascular system.

4 (13) Greg mounted the greatest comeback in
5 the history of American sports, taking home an as-
6 tonishing victory at the 1989 Tour de France, fol-
7 lowing multiple surgeries, life-threatening gunshot
8 wounds, tendon repair, and an appendectomy, win-
9 ning by 8 seconds in the closest finish in the history
10 of the Tour de France.

11 (14) Greg would win a third Tour de France
12 victory in 1990.

13 (15) Greg is the only American to win the Tour
14 de France.

15 (16) Greg has vocally spoken out to champion
16 healthy sport amongst athletes of all ages and com-
17 petition levels.

18 (17) Greg and his wife, Kathy, are active in nu-
19 merous nonprofit causes, including healthy sport, as-
20 sisting victims of sexual abuse and various childhood
21 illnesses.

22 (18) Cycling offers young people a healthy, ac-
23 tive, outdoor hobby.

1 (19) Greg completed his professional career
2 having won 2 World Championships, 3 Tour de
3 France championships, and 22 titles overall.

4 (20) More than any other cyclist, Greg personi-
5 fied the “breakaway” culture of American cycling in
6 the 1970s and 80s, viewed universally as the epit-
7 ome of a young person on a bicycle, attempting to
8 accomplish feats no other American had achieved.

9 (21) Greg has not only reached the pinnacle of
10 international sport, but has devoted his time and re-
11 sources to assisting his fellow athletes.

12 (22) Greg has demonstrated the commitment to
13 excellence, generosity, community, and tenacity that
14 makes him an example for all to follow.

15 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

16 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
17 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
18 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
19 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
20 medal of appropriate design to Greg LeMond, in recogni-
21 tion of his contributions to the Nation as an athlete, activ-
22 ist, role model, and community leader.

23 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
24 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
25 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-

1 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
2 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
3 retary.

4 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

5 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
6 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3
7 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
8 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
9 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
10 and the cost of the gold medal.

11 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

12 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
13 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
14 51 of title 31, United States Code.

15 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
16 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
17 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

18 **SEC. 6. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

19 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
20 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
21 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
22 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
23 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
24 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-

1 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
2 vote on passage.

Passed the House of Representatives September 19,
2019.

Attest:

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,

Clerk.