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H. R. 6070

To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Kyle H. Rittenhouse, who protected the community of Kenosha, Wisconsin, during a Black Lives Matter (BLM) riot on August 25, 2020.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 23, 2021

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Kyle H. Rittenhouse
5 Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Throughout the summer of 2020, local gov-
2 ernments across various cities and States failed to
3 adequately protect residents and their property from
4 violent riots that included arson, looting, and mur-
5 der.

6 (2) On August 25, 2020, a violent BLM riot
7 broke out in Kenosha, Wisconsin, putting tens of
8 thousands of lives at risk and leaving property vul-
9 nerable to destruction.

10 (3) The courageous actions taken in response to
11 the threat to his community by Kyle Rittenhouse, a
12 17-year-old from the greater Kenosha area, went be-
13 yond the civilian call of duty.

14 (4) Kyle Rittenhouse traveled to the site of the
15 riot with a medical kit to provide aid to those in-
16 jured by the rioters; he also carried a fire extin-
17 guisher to help put out fires at various properties
18 started by arsonists.

19 (5) Kyle Rittenhouse disarmed a pistol-wielding
20 individual with a lengthy criminal record, including
21 driving while intoxicated and carrying a firearm
22 while intoxicated.

23 (6) Corporate media outlets including CNN,
24 MSNBC, and the Washington Post, and certain
25 Members of Congress, unjustly attacked Kyle

1 Rittenhouse’s character before his eventual acquittal,
2 a direct contradiction to the legal principle that a
3 person is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

4 (7) On November 19, 2021, Kyle Rittenhouse
5 was found “not guilty” on all charges by a jury of
6 his peers, rendering the slanderous and libelous con-
7 tent of the aforementioned corporate media and cer-
8 tain Members of Congress against him susceptible to
9 charges of defamation.

10 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

11 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZATION.—The Speaker
12 of the House of Representatives and the President pro
13 tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrange-
14 ments for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of
15 a gold medal of appropriate design to Kyle H. Ritten-
16 house, who protected the city of Kenosha, Wisconsin, from
17 mob violence on August 25, 2020.

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

24 (c) DISPOSITION OF MEDALS.—Following the award
25 of the gold medal under subsection (a):

1 (1) KYLE H. RITTENHOUSE.—One gold medal
2 shall be given to Kyle H. Rittenhouse.

3 (2) KENOSHA COUNTY COURTHOUSE.—One
4 gold medal shall be given to the Kenosha County
5 Courthouse in Kenosha, Wisconsin, so that the
6 medal may be displayed in commemoration of the
7 members of the jury who reaffirmed the constitu-
8 tional right to self-defense.

9 (3) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—One gold medal shall
11 be given to the Smithsonian Institution, where
12 it shall be available for display as appropriate
13 and available for research.

14 (B) PLAQUE.—In displaying the gold
15 medal given under subparagraph (A), the
16 Smithsonian Institution shall display the medal
17 with a plaque that denotes Kyle Rittenhouse as
18 a defender of his community against the BLM
19 riot in Kenosha, Wisconsin on August 25, 2020.

20 (C) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the
21 sense of the Congress that the Smithsonian In-
22 stitution should make the gold medal given
23 under subparagraph (A) available for display
24 elsewhere, particularly at appropriate locations
25 associated with the protection of American cit-

1 ies during the BLM riots of the summer of
2 2020.

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

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

9 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

10 It is the sense of the Congress that the United States
11 Mint should expedite production of the gold medals and
12 duplicate medals under this Act, so that the heroic and
13 protective actions of Kyle H. Rittenhouse on August 25,
14 2020, in Kenosha can be recognized and honored in a
15 timely manner.

16 **SEC. 6. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

17 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
18 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
19 51 of title 31, United States Code.

20 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
21 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
22 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

23 **SEC. 7. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

24 The Secretary of the Treasury shall take such actions
25 as may be necessary to ensure that the minting and

- 1 issuing of coins under this Act will not result in any net
- 2 cost to the United States Government.

