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To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Officer Eugene Goodman.

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. ROMNEY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. TESTER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Officer Eugene Good-
5 man Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) On January 6, 2021, the United States
2 Capitol Building was attacked by armed insurrec-
3 tionists.

4 (2) Members of the United States Capitol Po-
5 lice force were quickly overrun, enabling insurrec-
6 tionists to breach the Capitol at multiple points.

7 (3) Around 2:14 in the afternoon, United
8 States Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman con-
9 fronted an angry group of insurrectionists who un-
10 lawfully entered the Capitol, according to video foot-
11 age taken by Igor Bobic, a reporter with the Huff-
12 ington Post.

13 (4) Officer Goodman, alone, delayed the mob's
14 advance towards the United States Senate Chamber
15 and announced the location of the incursion.

16 (5) Upon reaching a second floor corridor, Offi-
17 cer Goodman noticed the entrance to the Senate
18 Chamber was unguarded.

19 (6) As the mob approached, Officer Goodman
20 intentionally diverted attention away from the Sen-
21 ate entrance and led the mob to an alternate loca-
22 tion and additional awaiting officers.

23 (7) At 2:15 in the afternoon, a Washington
24 Post reporter from inside the Senate Chamber noted

1 “Senate sealed” with Senators, staff, and members
2 of the press inside.

3 (8) Officer Eugene Goodman’s selfless and
4 quick-thinking actions doubtlessly saved lives and
5 bought security personnel precious time to secure
6 and ultimately evacuate the Senate before the armed
7 mob breached the Chamber.

8 (9) Amidst a shocking, unpatriotic attack on
9 the Capitol, Officer Goodman’s heroism is recognized
10 not only from Members of Congress and staff but
11 also from the American people they represent.

12 (10) By putting his own life on the line and
13 successfully, single-handedly leading insurrectionists
14 away from the floor of the Senate Chamber, Officer
15 Eugene Goodman performed his duty to protect the
16 Congress with distinction, and by his actions, Officer
17 Goodman left an indelible mark on American his-
18 tory.

19 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

20 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
21 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
22 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
23 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
24 medal of appropriate design to Officer Eugene Goodman.

1 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
 2 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
 3 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
 4 retary”) shall strike the gold medal with suitable emblems,
 5 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
 6 retary.

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

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

14 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

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

18 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
 19 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
 20 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

