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# H. R. 2440

To award Congressional Gold Medals to Metropolitan Police Officers Officer Michael Collazo and Officer Rex Englebert, in recognition of their exceptional bravery and valor in confronting an active shooter at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2023

Mr. OGLES (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. SELF, Mr. NEHLS, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. MILLS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. BURLISON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “Covenant School He-  
5 roes Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) At 10:13 a.m., on March 27, 2023, Metro-  
4 politan Nashville Police confirmed an active shooter  
5 situation was taking place at The Covenant School,  
6 a private Christian school in Nashville, Tennessee.  
7 The shooter took six lives that day, three children  
8 and three adults.

9 (2) After the first 911 call about shots being  
10 fired in the building, officers rushed to the campus.  
11 They made entry shortly after 10:13 a.m. and began  
12 clearing the building.

13 (3) Officers report that shots were heard com-  
14 ing from the second level. On the second floor, in a  
15 common area, a team of officers encountered the  
16 shooter where she had been firing through a window  
17 at arriving police cars.

18 (4) Two members of an officer team, Officer  
19 Rex Englebert and Officer Michael Collazo, fired on  
20 the shooter and fatally wounded her.

21 (5) The victims were identified as Evelyn  
22 Dieckhaus, William Kinney, and Hallie Scruggs, all  
23 aged nine, and Mike Hill, 61, Cynthia Peak, 61, and  
24 Katherine Koonce, 60.

25 (6) Officer Michael Collazo and Officer Rex  
26 Englebert of the Metropolitan Nashville Police De-

1       partment exemplified incredible bravery, valor, and  
2       courage against the suspect.

3               (7) These officers have dedicated their lives to  
4       protecting their community, and their heroism de-  
5       serves great honor.

6       **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

7               (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZATION.—The Speaker  
8       of the House of Representatives and the President pro  
9       tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrange-  
10      ments for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of  
11      two gold medals of appropriate design to Metropolitan Po-  
12      lice Officer Michael Collazo and Officer Rex Englebert, in  
13      recognition of their exceptional bravery and valor in con-  
14      fronting an active shooter at the Covenant School in Nash-  
15      ville, Tennessee.

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

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

23              The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
24      bronze of the gold medals struck under section 3, at a

1 price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,  
2 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

3 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

4 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—Medals struck pursuant to  
5 this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51  
6 of title 31, United States Code.

7 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
8 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals  
9 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic  
10 items.

11 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**  
12 **SALE.**

13 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is  
14 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint  
15 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-  
16 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant  
17 to this Act.

18 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—The amounts received  
19 from the sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under  
20 section 3 shall be deposited into the United States Mint  
21 Public Enterprise Fund.

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