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To award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the American hostages and victims of the October 7th, 2023 attacks, in recognition of their profound suffering and sacrifice.

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Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. GILLEN, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. BACON, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. STANTON, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. HOYER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “October 7 Gold Medal
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists
4 launched a brutal, unprovoked attack from Gaza
5 into Israel, killing more than 1,200 people, including
6 at least 30 Americans, according to the Israeli mili-
7 tary and the United States Department of State.

8 (2) In the early morning hours of that day,
9 Hamas forces stormed across the border, infiltrating
10 Israeli towns and communities, slaughtering civil-
11 ians, including women, children, and the elderly; am-
12 bushing music festival attendees; and attacking
13 Israeli Defense Forces bases.

14 (3) 251 individuals were taken hostage during
15 the attack, including 12 American citizens—some of
16 whom were killed during abduction or later died
17 while in captivity.

18 (4) Among those kidnaped were children, sen-
19 iors, and young adults, many of whom were dragged
20 from their homes and communities to be held in bru-
21 tal conditions inside Hamas’s labyrinth of tunnels
22 underneath Gaza, in clear violation of international
23 humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions.

24 (5) These hostages, including Americans, en-
25 dured unspeakable conditions in captivity—denied
26 medical care, isolated from their families, and en-

1 dured psychological abuse during their imprison-
2 ment.

3 (6) Despite the horror of that day, countless ci-
4 vilians and Israeli soldiers responded with extraor-
5 dinary courage, risking and sacrificing their lives to
6 protect others. First responders, community mem-
7 bers, and soldiers fought valiantly to repel terrorists,
8 rescue hostages, and save lives in neighborhoods
9 under siege.

10 (7) Among those who fell that day or shortly
11 thereafter were true heroes—civilians who shielded
12 children, soldiers who died defending their comrades,
13 and neighbors who gave their lives in acts of selfless
14 bravery.

15 (8) The families of American hostages, both
16 those who were freed and those who remain in cap-
17 tivity, have demonstrated relentless courage, resil-
18 ience, and unity in advocating for their loved ones—
19 exemplifying the best of the American spirit and val-
20 ues.

21 (9) On May 12, 2025—584 days after the Oc-
22 tober 7 attacks—the final living American hostage
23 was released from Hamas captivity.

24 (10) As of the date of this resolution, hostages
25 still remain in captivity, including 2 Americans. The

1 United States Congress continues to call for their
2 immediate and unconditional release.

3 (11) The bravery of American hostages, the
4 fallen, and their families deserves recognition by the
5 Nation. Their suffering, sacrifice, and perseverance
6 in the face of terrorism reflect the strength and re-
7 silience of the American people.

8 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

9 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
10 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
11 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
12 for the presentation, on behalf of Congress, of a gold
13 medal of appropriate design, to the American hostages
14 and victims of the October 7th, 2023 attacks, in recogni-
15 tion of their profound suffering and sacrifice.

16 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For 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 a gold medal with suitable emblems,
20 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
21 retary.

22 (c) DISPOSITION OF MEDALS.—Following the award
23 of the gold medal under subsection (a), the medal shall
24 be displayed and made available for research, as appro-

1 priate, at the Weitzman National Museum of American
2 Jewish History in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

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

8 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

9 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
10 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
11 51 of title 31, United States Code.

12 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
13 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
14 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
15 items.

16 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
17 **SALE.**

18 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
19 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
20 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
21 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck under
22 this Act.

23 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
24 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section

- 1 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
- 2 Enterprise Fund.

