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Mr. MORELLE (for himself, Ms. MOORE, Ms. MENG, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Women’s Hall of Fame.

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 “National Women’s Hall
5 of Fame Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In 1969, the National Women’s Hall of
2 Fame was established in Seneca Falls, New York,
3 the location of the first Women’s Rights Convention
4 in 1848. A total of 276 women have been inducted
5 represented well by the first class that included Jane
6 Addams, Marian Anderson, Susan B. Anthony,
7 Clara Barton, Mary MacLeod Bethune, Elizabeth
8 Blackwell, Pearl S. Buck, Rachel Carson, Mary
9 Cassatt, Emily Dickinson, Amelia Earhart, Alice
10 Hamilton, Helen Hayes, Helen Keller, Eleanor Roo-
11 sevelt, Florence Sabin, Margaret Chase Smith, Eliz-
12 abeth Cady Stanton, Helen Brooke Taussig and
13 Harriet Tubman.

14 (2) The National Women’s Hall of Fame is the
15 Nation’s oldest membership organization dedicated
16 to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of
17 great American women.

18 (3) The involvement of women in the Nation’s
19 history is inadequately chronicled, commemorated
20 and celebrated as reflected in the following:

21 (A) Fewer than 5 percent of the 2,400 na-
22 tional historic landmarks chronicle women’s
23 achievements.

24 (B) Only 9 of the 112 statues in the Cap-
25 itol’s Statuary Hall are of women.

1 (C) The National Park Service notes that
2 only 3 of the 152 national monuments in the
3 United States are dedicated to historic female
4 figures.

5 (D) Of the 5,575 outdoor sculpture por-
6 traits of historical figures in the United States,
7 559 portray women according to the Smithso-
8 nian American Art Museum's online inventories
9 catalog.

10 (E) None of the 30 National managed
11 under the National Park Service specifically
12 honor women.

13 (F) 3 of the 78 National Historic Sites
14 commemorate women.

15 (G) Only 1 of the 56 new quarters issued
16 by the U.S. Mint from 1999 through 2017 com-
17 memorated a woman.

18 (H) Only 219 U.S. Postal Stamps were
19 issued to commemorate women.

20 (4) The National Women's Hall of Fame will
21 complete rehabilitation of its new home at the
22 former Seneca Falls Knitting Mill, which is a his-
23 toric building included in the National Historic Reg-
24 istry. The new building has over 20,000 square feet
25 available for artifacts to ensure that women's history

1 and women's contribution to American history will
2 be preserved and recounted for future generations.

3 (5) The National Women's Hall of Fame plans
4 to design an educational program utilizing video con-
5 ference technology with students and teachers par-
6 ticipating in interactive lessons led by educators
7 from the National Women's Hall of Fame. This pro-
8 gram will provide important lessons on the impact
9 that women have had on mathematics, geography,
10 education, sciences, medicine, military, government,
11 civil rights, economics, industrial technology, arts,
12 and communication.

13 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

14 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration
15 of the National Women's Hall of Fame, the Secretary of
16 the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Sec-
17 retary") shall mint and issue the following coins:

18 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 75,000 \$5
19 coins, which shall—

20 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

21 (B) have diameter of 0.850 inches; and

22 (C) contain not less than 90 percent gold.

23 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000
24 \$1 coins, which shall—

25 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

1 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

2 (C) contain not less than 90 percent silver.

3 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
4 than 1,000,000 half dollar coins which shall—

5 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

6 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

7 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
8 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
9 31, United States Code.

10 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
11 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
12 title 31, United States Code.

13 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
14 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
15 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
16 matic items.

17 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
18 gress that, to the extent possible without significantly add-
19 ing to the purchase price of the coins, the coins minted
20 under this Act should be produced in a fashion that pro-
21 vides a more dramatic display of the obverse design chosen
22 pursuant to section 4(c).

23 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The design for the coins minted
25 under this Act shall be—

1 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
2 with—

3 (A) the National Women’s Hall of Fame;

4 and

5 (B) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

6 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative
7 Coin Advisory Committee.

8 (b) DESIGNATIONS AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each
9 coin minted under this Act there shall be—

10 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;

11 (2) an inscription of the year “2020”; and

12 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
13 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
14 “E Pluribus Unum”.

15 (c) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR OB-
16 VERSE DESIGN.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall hold a
18 competition to determine the design of the common
19 obverse of the coins minted under this Act, with
20 such design being emblematic of women’s contribu-
21 tion to American history.

22 (2) SELECTION AND APPROVAL.—Proposals for
23 the design of coins minted under this Act may be
24 submitted in accordance with the design selection
25 and approval process developed by the Secretary in

1 the sole discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary
2 shall encourage 3-dimensional models to be sub-
3 mitted as part of the design proposals.

4 (3) PROPOSALS.—As part of the competition
5 described in this subsection, the Secretary may ac-
6 cept proposals from artists, engravers of the United
7 States Mint, and members of the general public.

8 (4) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary shall de-
9 termine compensation for the winning design under
10 this subsection, which shall be not less than \$5,000.
11 The Secretary shall take into account this compensa-
12 tion amount when determining the sale price de-
13 scribed in section 6(a).

14 (5) REVERSE DESIGN.—The design on the com-
15 mon reverse of the coins minted under this Act shall
16 depict a design incorporating commemoration of the
17 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution
18 recognizing the right of women to vote.

19 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

20 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
21 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

22 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
23 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
24 period beginning on January 1, 2020.

1 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

2 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
3 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
4 of—

5 (1) the face value of the coins;

6 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with
7 respect to such coins; and

8 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
9 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
10 winning design compensation, overhead expenses,
11 marketing, and shipping).

12 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
13 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
14 discount.

15 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
17 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
18 before the issuance of such coins.

19 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
20 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
21 sonable discount.

22 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
24 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

25 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

26 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

1 (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half-dol-
2 lar coin.

3 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
4 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
5 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
6 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the National
7 Women’s Hall of Fame Foundation to establish an endow-
8 ment fund that will provide long-term financing for the
9 National Women’s Hall of Fame’s operations.

10 (c) AUDITS.—The National Women’s Hall of Fame
11 Foundation shall be subject to the audit requirements of
12 section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with
13 regard to the amounts received under subsection (b).

14 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
15 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
16 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
17 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
18 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
19 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual com-
20 memorative coin program issuance limitation under sec-
21 tion 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in ef-
22 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
23 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
24 this subsection.

1 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

2 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-
3 essary to ensure that—

4 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
5 will not result in any net cost to the United States
6 Government; and

7 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
8 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section
9 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing all of
10 the coins authorized by this Act (including labor,
11 materials, dies, use of machinery, winning design
12 compensation, overhead expenses, marketing, and
13 shipping) is recovered by the United States Treas-
14 ury, consistent with sections 5112(m) and 5134(f) of
15 title 31, United States Code.

16 **SEC. 9. BUDGET COMPLIANCE.**

17 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
18 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
19 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
20 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
21 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
22 by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the
23 House of Representatives, provided that such statement
24 has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

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