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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the women who contributed to the Home Front during World War II, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. DESAULNIER) 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 “Rosie the Riveter Com-
5 memorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) During World War II, more than six million
2 American women entered the workforce to fill the
3 vacancies left by men who had joined the Armed
4 Forces and support the Home Front. Millions of
5 women already working outside the home shifted to
6 employment in critical industries to support the war
7 effort.

8 (2) Women went to work or volunteer full-time
9 in factories, farms, shipyards, banks, and other in-
10 stitutions in support of the U.S. military overseas.
11 They worked with the United Service Organizations
12 and the American Red Cross, drove street cars, riv-
13 eted airplane parts, collected critical materials, rolled
14 bandages, and served on rationing boards.

15 (3) This women workforce met not only the
16 ever-growing demands for war materials, including
17 equipment, weaponry, ammunition, and military ra-
18 tions, but also the demand for support services in
19 schools, hospitals, and offices.

20 (4) Collectively, the American women who held
21 employment or volunteered in support of the war ef-
22 fort during World War II have been represented by
23 the iconic image of “Rosie the Riveter”.

24 (5) As riveters, welders, and other laborers, a
25 diverse women workforce played an integral part in

1 shipyards, aircraft factories, and other areas of the
2 defense industrial base.

3 (6) Women in the workforce faced the “double
4 burden” of responsibilities on the job and at home
5 as the primary caregivers and wage earners during
6 World War II.

7 (7) “Rosies” persevered often in the face of
8 harassment, discrimination, and prejudice to support
9 their country and families in a time of great need.
10 Despite equal pay regulations, women were regularly
11 paid 10 to 15 cents an hour lower than their male
12 counterparts even during wartime.

13 (8) Black, Latina, Indigenous, Asian American,
14 and Pacific Islander “Rosies” were subjected to rac-
15 ist discrimination, violence, and harassment at work,
16 at home, and in public. Women of color overcame
17 long-held policies of discrimination and racial seg-
18regation to make significant contributions to the war
19 effort and labor market.

20 (9) Our “Rosies” are a testament to women’s
21 empowerment and the invaluable contribution of
22 women to the American war effort during World
23 War II, inspiring future generations of women and
24 girls.

1 (10) Americans have chosen to honor the
2 women who contributed to the Home Front during
3 World War II, including through the award of a
4 Congressional Gold Medal and the annual celebra-
5 tion of National Rosie the Riveter Day on March 21.

6 (11) The work, sacrifice, and dedication of our
7 “Rosies” are worthy of national reflection and com-
8 memoration.

9 (12) It is fitting and proper to recognize and
10 preserve the history and legacy of American women
11 who contributed to the Home Front during World
12 War II for their patriotic commitment to their coun-
13 try and perseverance in the face of adversity.

14 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

15 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration
16 of the American women who contributed to the Home
17 Front during World War II, the Secretary of the Treasury
18 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall
19 mint and issue the following coins:

20 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
21 coins, which shall—

22 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

23 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

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

1 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
2 \$1 coins, which shall—

3 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

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

6 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
7 than 750,000 half-dollar coins which shall—

8 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

10 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-

11 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title

12 31, United States Code.

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

16 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
17 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
18 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
19 matic items.

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

1 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

2 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
4 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
5 legacy of the diverse women workforce who contrib-
6 uted to the Home Front during World War II.

7 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
8 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

9 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

10 (B) an inscription of the year “2025”; and

11 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

12 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
13 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

14 (b) SELECTION.—The designs of the coins minted
15 under this Act shall be—

16 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
17 with the Rosie the Riveter Trust and the Commis-
18 sion of Fine Arts; and

19 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
20 Committee.

21 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

24 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
25 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
26 period beginning on January 1, 2025.

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 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

14 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

21 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
23 this Act shall include—

24 (1) a surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5
25 coins;

1 (2) a surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1
2 coins; and

3 (3) a surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half-dol-
4 lar coins.

5 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
6 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
7 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
8 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Rosie the
9 Riveter Trust to support the National Park Service in
10 maintaining and repairing the Rosie the Riveter WWII
11 Home Front National Historical Park, and for educational
12 and commemorative programs.

13 (c) AUDITS.—The Rosie the Riveter Trust shall be
14 subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of
15 title 31, United States Code, with regard to the amounts
16 received under subsection (b).

17 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
18 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
19 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
20 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
21 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
22 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
23 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
24 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
25 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-

1 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
2 this subsection.

3 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

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

9 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
10 shall be disbursed to any recipient designated in sec-
11 tion 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing
12 all of the coins authorized by this Act (including
13 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, winning de-
14 sign compensation, overhead expenses, marketing,
15 and shipping) is recovered by the United States
16 Treasury, consistent with sections 5112(m) and
17 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code.

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