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

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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 “National Women’s Hall
5 of Fame Commemorative Coin Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

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

21 (2) The National Women’s Hall of Fame is the
22 Nation’s oldest membership organization dedicated
23 to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of
24 great American women.

1 (3) The involvement of women in the Nation's
2 history is inadequately chronicled, commemorated,
3 and celebrated as reflected in the following:

4 (A) Fewer than 5 percent of the 2,596 na-
5 tional historic landmarks chronicle women's
6 achievements.

7 (B) Only nine of the 112 statues in the
8 Capitol's Statuary Hall are of women.

9 (C) The National Park Service notes that
10 only three of the 130 national monuments in
11 the United States are dedicated to historic fe-
12 male figures.

13 (D) Of the 5,575 outdoor sculpture por-
14 traits of historical figures in the United States,
15 559 portray women according to the Smithso-
16 nian American Art Museum's online inventories
17 catalog.

18 (E) Six of the 89 National Historic Sites
19 commemorate women.

20 (F) Only 219 United States Postal Stamps
21 were issued to commemorate women.

22 (4) The National Women's Hall of Fame will
23 complete rehabilitation of its new home at the
24 former Seneca Falls Knitting Mill, which is a his-
25 toric building included in the National Historic Reg-

1 istry. The new building has over 20,000 square feet
2 available for artifacts to ensure that women’s history
3 and women’s contribution to American history will
4 be preserved and recounted for future generations.

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

15 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

16 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration
17 of the National Women’s Hall of Fame, the Secretary of
18 the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
19 retary”) shall 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) be struck on a planchet having diame-
24 ter of 0.850 inches; and

25 (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) be struck on a planchet having a di-
5 ameter of 1.500 inches; and

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

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

9 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

10 (B) be struck on a planchet having a di-
11 ameter of 1.205 inches; and

12 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
13 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
14 31, United States Code.

15 (4) PROOF SILVER \$1 COINS.—Not more than
16 100,000 proof \$1 silver coins which shall—

17 (A) weigh 5 ounces;

18 (B) be struck on a planchet having a di-
19 ameter of 3 inches; and

20 (C) contain .999 fine silver.

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

24 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
25 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins

1 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
2 matic items.

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

8 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

9 (a) DESIGNS REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
11 minted under this section shall be emblematic of the
12 impact that women have had on mathematics, geog-
13 raphy, education, sciences, medicine, military, gov-
14 ernment, civil rights, economics, industrial tech-
15 nology, arts, and communication.

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

18 (A) a designation of the denomination of
19 the coin;

20 (B) an inscription of the year “2023”; and

21 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
22 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
23 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

24 (b) SELECTION.—The designs of 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 Coinage Advisory
7 Committee.

8 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

11 (b) **PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may
12 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
13 period beginning on January 1, 2023.

14 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

15 (a) **SALE PRICE.**—The coins issued under this Act
16 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
17 of—

18 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

21 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
22 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
23 winning design compensation, overhead expenses,
24 marketing, and shipping).

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

4 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

11 (d) MARKETING AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.—
12 The Secretary shall develop and execute a marketing, pro-
13 motion, and educational program to promote the collecting
14 of the coins authorized under this Act.

15 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

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

19 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin
20 described under section 3(a)(2).

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

23 (4) A surcharge of \$50 per coin for the \$1 coin
24 described under section 3(a)(4).

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

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

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

23 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

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

4 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
5 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section
6 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing all of
7 the coins authorized by this Act (including labor,
8 materials, dies, use of machinery, winning design
9 compensation, overhead expenses, marketing, and
10 shipping) is recovered by the United States Treas-
11 ury, consistent with sections 5112(m) and 5134(f) of
12 title 31, United States Code.

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