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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of Hero Street USA.

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## A BILL

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in recognition and celebration of Hero Street USA.

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 “Hero Street USA Com-  
5 memorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds the following:

8            (1) In 1968, 2nd Street of Silvis, Illinois, was  
9        renamed Hero Street, a tribute to the sacrifice and  
10        patriotism of its residents.

11           (2) Many Mexican families immigrated to Silvis  
12        during the 1920s and 1930s, seeking work with the  
13        local railroad line, and settled on 2nd Street, where  
14        low-cost housing was available to railroad workers  
15        and their families.

16           (3) When the United States entered World War  
17        II, the young men of 2nd Street answered the Na-  
18        tion’s call to serve. Of this first generation of 2nd  
19        Street residents, six were killed in World War II and  
20        two in the Korean Conflict.

21           (4) Despite tragedy, a strong tradition of mili-  
22        tary service persisted within this small, historically  
23        Latino community as the younger generations en-  
24        listed or were drafted.

1           (5) Today, over 100 men and women from Hero  
2 Street have served in the Armed Forces of the  
3 United States, a concentration higher than any  
4 other street comparable in size.

5           (6) The legacy of these brave soldiers has trans-  
6 formed this small street into a point of national  
7 pride, and a park and monument have been built in  
8 Silvis to honor the 8 deceased service members as  
9 well as all who have served in the United States  
10 Military.

11           (7) 2018 will mark the 50th anniversary of  
12 Hero Street's renaming.

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

14           (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
15 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
16 shall mint and issue the following coins in commemoration  
17 of the semi centennial of the naming of Hero Street:

18           (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5  
19 coins, which shall—

20                   (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

22                   (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
23 alloy.

24           (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000  
25 \$1 coins, which shall—

- 1 (A) weigh 26,73 grams;  
2 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and  
3 (C) contain at least 90 percent silver with  
4 the remainder copper.

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

- 7 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;  
8 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and  
9 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-  
10 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title  
11 31, United States Code.

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

15 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
16 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted  
17 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

18 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coin minted  
20 under this Act shall be emblematic of Hero Street USA.

21 (b) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTION.—On each coin  
22 minted under this Act, there shall be—

- 23 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;  
24 (2) an inscription of the year “2018”; and

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

4           (c) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
5 under this Act shall be—

6           (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation  
7           with the Commission of Fine Arts; and

8           (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
9           Committee.

10 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

13           (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United  
14 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality  
15 of coin under this Act.

16           (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
17 issue coins under this Act only during the period begin-  
18 ning on January 1, 2018, and ending on December 31,  
19 2018.

20 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

24           (1) the face value of the coin;

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

3           (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
4           (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
5           overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

9           (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
11           prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
12           before the issuance of the coins.

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

16 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

17           (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this  
18           Act shall include a surcharge of—

19           (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

20           (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

21           (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

22           (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
23           title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
24           the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
25           shall be paid to the Wounded Warrior Project to carry

1 out the organization’s mission of honoring and empow-  
2 ering our Nation’s wounded warriors.

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 Federal Govern-  
8 ment; 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, overhead ex-  
14 penses, marketing, and shipping) is recovered by the  
15 United States Treasury, consistent with sections  
16 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31, United States  
17 Code.

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