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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of and to commemorate the 1863 invasion of Pennsylvania, the Battle of Gettysburg, and President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

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Mr. PLATTS (for himself, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. MURTHA, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. COHEN, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SESTAK, and Mr. WOLF) 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 "1863 Gettysburg Cam-
5 paign Act".

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The 1863 invasion of Pennsylvania and the
4 resulting Battle of Gettysburg proved decisive in the
5 final outcome of the American Civil War.

6 (2) President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg
7 Address put the Civil War in perspective as a test
8 of the success of the American Revolution.

9 (3) The Army Heritage Center Foundation
10 works with the United States Army to establish,
11 sponsor, support, promote, and maintain the United
12 States Army Heritage and Education Center at Car-
13 lisle, Pennsylvania.

14 (4) The Army Heritage and Education Center
15 is the Army's premier center for the study of the
16 role of the individual soldier in support of the Na-
17 tion.

18 (5) The Civil War photograph and manuscript
19 collection at the Center is considered one of the fin-
20 est in the Nation.

21 (6) The Center seeks to honor the service and
22 sacrifice of soldiers and their families, preserve the
23 memories of their service by gathering and pre-
24 serving artifact and manuscript collections, and to
25 educate the public through a world class archives,

1 museum displays, and engaging educational pro-
2 grams.

3 (7) The goal of the Center is promote an appre-
4 ciation of the sacrifices that generations of American
5 soldiers and their families have made to safeguard
6 the freedoms of this Nation.

7 (8) The Army Heritage Center Foundation will,
8 through donated support, fund and construct the
9 public components of the Army Heritage and Edu-
10 cation Center—the Visitor and Education Center
11 and the Army Heritage Museum—and, once con-
12 struction is complete, focus on providing “margin of
13 excellence support” to meet the needs of educational
14 programs and other activities at the Army Heritage
15 and Education Center for which Federal funds are
16 unavailable.

17 (9) The Gettysburg Foundation is dedicated to
18 supporting the Gettysburg National Military Park, a
19 unit of the National Park Service, by—

20 (A) operating the new Museum and Visitor
21 Center for the Park;

22 (B) funding the preservation and rehabili-
23 tation of the Park’s resources;

24 (C) preserving and displaying the Cyclo-
25 rama painting; and

1 (D) providing visitors with an under-
2 standing of the significance of the Battle of
3 Gettysburg within the context of the causes and
4 consequences of the American Civil War.

5 (10) The Army Heritage Center Foundation
6 and the Gettysburg Foundation are each nongovern-
7 mental, member-based, and publicly supported non-
8 profit organizations that are dependent on funds
9 from members, donations, and grants for support.

10 (11) The Foundations use such support to help
11 create and sustain the Gettysburg National Military
12 Park and the Army Heritage and Education Center.

13 (12) The Gettysburg Foundation is recognized
14 as the official partner of Gettysburg National Mili-
15 tary Park and the Army Heritage Center Founda-
16 tion is recognized by the Secretary of the Army as
17 the lead agency supporting the development of the
18 Army Heritage and Education Center.

19 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

20 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and commemo-
21 ration of the 1863 Invasion of Pennsylvania, the decisive
22 Battle of Gettysburg, and President Lincoln’s Gettys-
23 burg’s Address, and notwithstanding any other provision
24 of law, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this

1 Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue
2 the following coins:

3 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 100,000
4 \$5 coins, which shall—

5 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

7 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
8 alloy.

9 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000
10 \$1 coins, which shall—

11 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

13 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
14 cent copper.

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

17 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

19 (C) be minted to the specifications for half
20 dollar coins, contained in section 5112(b) of
21 title 31, United States Code.

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

1 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
2 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
3 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
4 matic items.

5 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

6 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
8 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
9 history and memory of the Gettysburg campaign and
10 President Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

11 (2) DESIGNATIONS AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
12 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

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

14 (B) an inscription of the year “2013”; and

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

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

18 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
19 under this Act shall—

20 (1) contain motifs that specifically commemo-
21 rate the 1863 invasion of Pennsylvania, the Battle
22 at Gettysburg, and Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address;

23 (2) be selected by the Secretary, after consulta-
24 tion with the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary

1 of the Interior, and the Commission of Fine Arts;
2 and

3 (3) be reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advi-
4 sory Committee.

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

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

8 (b) **MINT FACILITIES.**—For each of the 3 coins mint-
9 ed under this Act, at least 1 facility of the United States
10 Mint shall be used to strike proof quality coins, while at
11 least 1 other such facility shall be used to strike the uncir-
12 culated quality coins.

13 (c) **PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may
14 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
15 period beginning on January 1, 2013.

16 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

20 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

23 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
24 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
25 overhead expenses, 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 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

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

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

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

18 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
19 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
20 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
21 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary as follows:

22 (1) GETTYSBURG FOUNDATION.— $\frac{2}{3}$ to the Get-
23 tysburg Foundation.

24 (2) ARMY HERITAGE CENTER FOUNDATION.—
25 $\frac{1}{3}$ to the Army Heritage Center Foundation.

1 (c) AUDITS.—The Army Heritage Center Foundation
2 and the Gettysburg Foundation shall each be subject to
3 the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31,
4 United States Code, with regard to the amounts received
5 by each such Foundation under subsection (b).

6 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
7 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
8 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
9 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
10 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
11 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
12 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
13 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
14 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
15 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
16 this subsection.

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