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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the integration of baseball.

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A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the integration of baseball.

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 “Integration of Baseball
5 Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) On April 15, 1947, future Hall of Famer
9 Jackie Robinson changed the landscape of the Na-
10 tional Pastime and the Nation itself when he
11 stepped onto the grass at Ebbets Field as the start-
12 ing first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers and the
13 first African-American to play Major League Base-
14 ball in the modern era.

15 (2) On July 5, 1947, future Hall of Famer
16 Larry Doby took his first at-bat for the Cleveland
17 Indians, ending the color barrier in the American
18 League forever.

19 (3) The integration of Major League Baseball
20 in 1947 is recognized today as a seminal moment in
21 the Civil Rights Movement and American history.

22 (4) The integration of Major League Baseball
23 preceded the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling
24 in *Brown v. The Board of Education* by seven years

1 and the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act by
2 seventeen years.

3 (5) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and
4 Museum and the Jackie Robinson Foundation are
5 dedicated to telling the story of baseball’s unique
6 role in helping to end racial segregation and advanc-
7 ing civil rights in the United States of America.

8 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

9 (a) **SHAPE AND SURFACE TREATMENT.**—All coins
10 issued pursuant to this Act shall be square, with the de-
11 sign corner-aligned, shall be finished on the reverse with
12 “enhanced uncirculated” treatment, and shall be of ap-
13 proximately the same size. The Secretary of the Treasury
14 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”), at
15 the Secretary’s discretion, may also use the “enhanced un-
16 circulated” treatment on the coin obverse.

17 (b) **DENOMINATIONS.**—In recognition and celebration
18 of the 75th anniversary of the integration of baseball, the
19 Secretary 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 1 ounce;

23 (B) be struck on a planchet of appropriate
24 dimensions; and

25 (C) contain at least 90 percent gold.

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

3 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

4 (B) be struck on a planchet of appropriate
5 dimensions; and

6 (C) contain at least 90 percent silver.

7 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
8 than 750,000 half-dollar coins, which shall be of
9 such specifications as the Secretary may choose, ex-
10 cept that, to the greatest extent possible, such half-
11 dollar coins shall match in size the other coins de-
12 scribed in this subsection.

13 (c) 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 (d) 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 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

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

23 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
24 with—

1 (A) the National Baseball Hall of Fame;
2 and

3 (B) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

4 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative
5 Coin Advisory Committee.

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

8 (1) a designation of the value of the coin,
9 which, for purposes of the coins described under
10 paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 3(b) shall use a
11 dollar sign and a numeral rather than spelling out
12 the denomination;

13 (2) an inscription of the year “2022”; and

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

17 (c) COMMON REVERSE DESIGN.—The design on the
18 common reverse of the coins minted under this Act shall
19 depict a baseball diamond similar to those used by Major
20 League Baseball.

21 (d) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR OB-
22 VERSE DESIGN.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall hold a
24 competition to determine the design of the common
25 obverse of the coins minted under this Act, with

1 such design being emblematic of the integration of
2 the game of baseball.

3 (2) SELECTION AND APPROVAL.—Proposals for
4 the design of coins minted under this Act may be
5 submitted in accordance with the design selection
6 and approval process developed by the Secretary in
7 the sole discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary
8 shall encourage 3-dimensional models to be sub-
9 mitted as part of the design proposals.

10 (3) PROPOSALS.—As part of the competition
11 described in this subsection, the Secretary may ac-
12 cept proposals from artists, engravers of the United
13 States Mint, and members of the general public, and
14 shall endeavor to publicize the design contest to par-
15 ticipants in youth baseball programs.

16 (4) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary shall de-
17 termine compensation for the winning design under
18 this subsection, which shall be not less than \$5,000.
19 The Secretary shall take into account this compensa-
20 tion amount when determining the sale price de-
21 scribed in section 6(a).

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

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

1 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
2 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
3 period beginning on January 1, 2022.

4 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

8 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

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

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

18 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

4 (1) A surcharge of \$50 per coin for the \$5 coin.

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

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

8 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
9 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
10 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
11 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the National
12 Baseball Hall of Fame, with the understanding that the
13 Hall of Fame shall work with the Jackie Robinson Foun-
14 dation, so that the two organizations may develop and op-
15 erate education programs about the integration of base-
16 ball, and preserve artifacts related to the integration of
17 baseball.

18 (c) AUDITS.—The National Baseball Hall of Fame
19 shall be subject to the audit requirements of section
20 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard
21 to the amounts received under subsection (b).

22 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
23 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
24 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
25 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
26 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-

1 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual com-
2 memorative coin program issuance limitation under sec-
3 tion 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in ef-
4 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
5 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
6 this subsection.

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