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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the late Prime Minister Golda Meir and the 75th anniversary of the United States-Israel relationship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the late Prime Minister Golda Meir and the 75th anniversary of the United States-Israel relationship.

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 “Prime Minister Golda
5 Meir Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Prime Minister of Israel Golda Meir was
2 born on May 3, 1898, in Kyiv, Ukraine.

3 (2) Prime Minister Golda Meir moved to Mil-
4 waukee, Wisconsin with her family in 1906.

5 (3) Growing up in a time where women were
6 not expected to receive an education and pursue a
7 career, Prime Minister Golda Meir fought against
8 the status quo and defied her parents by moving to
9 Denver, Colorado, to live with her sister.

10 (4) In 1921, Prime Minister Golda Meir emi-
11 grated with her husband to Mandatory Palestine
12 where she worked as head of the Political Depart-
13 ment of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the chief
14 Jewish liaison with the British, during World War
15 II.

16 (5) When the State of Israel declared its inde-
17 pendence in 1948, Prime Minister Golda Meir was
18 a signer of its declaration of independence.

19 (6) Prime Minister Golda Meir served as the
20 fourth Prime Minister of the State of Israel from
21 1969 to 1974.

22 (7) Prime Minister Golda Meir is remembered
23 today as the first female Prime Minister of the State
24 of Israel and a trailblazer for women's rights.

1 (8) Prime Minister Golda Meir is additionally
2 remembered for the unique relationship she had with
3 the United States and its people, evident by her
4 adorning the cover of Time Magazine in 1969 and
5 being voted by the people of the United States as
6 Gallup’s “Most Admired Woman” in 1971, 1973,
7 and 1974.

8 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to honor
9 and commemorate—

10 (1) the 75th anniversary of the United States-
11 Israel relationship;

12 (2) the first female Prime Minister of the State
13 of Israel, Golda Meir; and

14 (3) the unique relationship Prime Minister
15 Golda Meir had with the United States.

16 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

17 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In commemoration of the late
18 Prime Minister Golda Meir and the 75th anniversary of
19 the United States-Israel relationship, the Secretary of the
20 Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
21 retary”) shall mint and issue the following coins:

22 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
23 coins, which shall—

24 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

1 (C) contain at least 90 percent gold.

2 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
3 \$1 coins, which shall—

4 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

5 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; 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—

9 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

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

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

13 31, United States Code.

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

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

21 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

22 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
24 minted under this Act shall bear an image of and

1 the name of Prime Minister Golda Meir on the ob-
2 verse side.

3 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
4 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

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

6 (B) an inscription of “Golda Meir”, “Israel
7 75”, and the year “2026”; and

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

11 (b) SELECTION.—The designs for the coins minted
12 under this Act shall be—

13 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
14 with the American Friends of Kiryat Sanz Laniado
15 Hospital Inc. and Commission of Fine Arts; and

16 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
17 Committee.

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

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

21 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United
22 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
23 of the coins minted under this Act.

24 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
25 issue coins under this Act only during the period begin-

1 ning on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31,
2 2026.

3 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

7 (1) the face value of the coins;

8 (2) the surcharge provided under section 7(a)
9 with respect to the coins; and

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

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

16 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

23 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
25 Act shall include—

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

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

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

7 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
8 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
9 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
10 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the American
11 Friends of Kiryat Sanz Laniado Hospital Inc. for the pur-
12 pose of—

13 (1) the continued growth of, support for, and
14 the promotion of Kiryat Sanz Laniado Hospital; and

15 (2) the furtherance of the missions and goals of
16 Kiryat Sanz Laniado Hospital.

17 (c) AUDITS.—The American Friends of Kiryat Sanz
18 Laniado Hospital Inc. shall be subject to the audit require-
19 ments of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States
20 Code, with respect to the amounts received under sub-
21 section (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

1 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
2 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
3 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
4 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
5 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
6 retary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

7 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

10 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act re-
11 sult will not result in any net cost to the United
12 States Government; and

13 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges
14 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section
15 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing all of
16 the coins authorized by this Act (including labor,
17 materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses,
18 marketing, and shipping) is recovered by the United
19 States Treasury, consistent with sections 5112(m)
20 and 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code.

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