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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Pro Football Hall of
5 Fame Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Pro Football Hall of Fame’s mission
9 is—

1 (A) to honor individuals who have made
2 outstanding contributions to professional foot-
3 ball;

4 (B) to preserve professional football's his-
5 toric documents and artifacts;

6 (C) to educate the public regarding the ori-
7 gin, development, and growth of professional
8 football as an important part of American cul-
9 ture; and

10 (D) to promote the positive values of the
11 sport.

12 (2) The Pro Football Hall of Fame opened its
13 doors on September 7, 1963. On that day, a charter
14 class of 17 players, coaches, and contributors were
15 enshrined. Among the group were such legends as
16 Sammy Baugh, Red Grange, George Halas, Don
17 Hutson, Bronko Nagurski, and Jim Thorpe.
18 Through 2012, 273 members had been elected to the
19 Pro Football Hall of Fame. Three distinct iconic
20 symbols represent an individual's membership in the
21 Hall of Fame: a bronze bust, a Hall of Fame gold
22 jacket, and a Hall of Fame ring.

23 (3) The Pro Football Hall of Fame has wel-
24 comed nearly 9,000,000 visitors from around the
25 world since opening in 1963. The museum has

1 grown from its original 19,000-square-foot building
2 to a 118,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, as
3 a result of expansions in 1971, 1978, 1995, and
4 most recently in 2011–2013. In addition, major ex-
5 hibit renovations were completed in 2003, 2008, and
6 2009.

7 (4) The Pro Football Hall of Fame houses the
8 world’s largest collection on professional football. In-
9 cluded in the museum’s vast collection are more
10 than 20,000 three-dimensional artifacts and more
11 than 20,000,000 pages of documents, including
12 nearly 3,000,000 photographic images.

13 (5) The Pro Football Hall of Fame reaches a
14 worldwide audience of nearly 15,000,000 people an-
15 nually through visitors to the museum, participants
16 in the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame
17 Enshrinement Festival, three nationally televised
18 events, the Hall of Fame’s Web site, social media
19 outlets, special events across the country, and
20 through the museum’s Educational Outreach video
21 conferencing programs.

22 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

23 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
24 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
25 shall mint and issue the following coins:

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

3 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

5 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
6 alloy.

7 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
8 \$1 coins, which shall—

9 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

11 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
12 cent copper.

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

15 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

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

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

23 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
24 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
25 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

1 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

2 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
4 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
5 game of professional football.

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

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

9 (B) an inscription of the year “2016”; and

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

13 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
14 under this Act shall be—

15 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
16 with the Commission of Fine Arts and the Pro Foot-
17 ball Hall of Fame; and

18 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
19 Committee.

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

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

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

1 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
2 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
3 period beginning on January 1, 2016.

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 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

17 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

4 (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

5 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

6 (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

7 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f)(1) 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 Pro Foot-
11 ball Hall of Fame, to help finance the construction of a
12 new building and renovation of existing Pro Football Hall
13 of Fame facilities.

14 (c) AUDITS.—The Pro Football Hall of Fame shall
15 be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2)
16 of title 31, United States Code, with regard to the
17 amounts received under subsection (b).

18 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
19 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
20 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
21 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
22 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
23 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
24 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
25 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
26 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-

- 1 Secretary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
- 2 this subsection.

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