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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. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. WICKER) 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:

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

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

6 (B) to preserve professional football’s his-
7 toric documents and artifacts;

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

12 (D) to promote the positive values of the
13 sport.

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

1 (3) The Pro Football Hall of Fame has wel-
2 comed nearly 9,000,000 visitors from around the
3 world since opening in 1963. The museum has
4 grown from its original 19,000-square-foot building
5 to a 118,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, as
6 a result of expansions in 1971, 1978, 1995, and
7 most recently in 2011–2013. In addition, major ex-
8 hibit renovations were completed in 2003, 2008, and
9 2009.

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

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

1 (6) It is appropriate that these coins are issued
2 in 2019, which is the beginning of the hundred year
3 anniversary of the National Football League.

4 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

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

8 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
9 coins, which shall—

10 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

12 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
13 alloy.

14 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
15 \$1 coins, which shall—

16 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

18 (C) contain at least 90 percent silver with
19 the remainder copper.

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

22 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

1 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
2 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
3 31, United States Code.

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

7 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
8 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
9 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

10 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

11 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
13 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
14 game of professional football.

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

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

18 (B) an inscription of the year “2019”; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (c) **PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may
13 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
14 period beginning on January 1, 2019.

15 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

19 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

22 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
23 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
24 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 issued under this
13 Act shall include a surcharge of—

14 (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

15 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

16 (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

17 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f)(1) of
18 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
19 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
20 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Pro Foot-
21 ball Hall of Fame, to help finance the expansion and ren-
22 ovation of Pro Football Hall of Fame facilities.

23 (c) AUDITS.—The Pro Football Hall of Fame shall
24 be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2)

1 of title 31, United States Code, with regard to the
2 amounts received under subsection (b).

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

14 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

17 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
18 will not result in any net cost to the United States
19 Government; and

20 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
21 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section
22 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing all of
23 the coins authorized by this Act (including labor,
24 materials, dies, use of machinery, winning design
25 compensation, overhead expenses, marketing, and

1 shipping) is recovered by the United States Treas-
2 ury, consistent with sections 5112(m) and 5134(f) of
3 title 31, United States Code.

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