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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of Selena Quintanilla.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DE LA CRUZ 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 “Selena Commemorative
5 Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Selena Quintanilla, born on April 16, 1971,
9 was a South Texas music artist who greatly contrib-

1 uted to the rise of Tejano music and culture across
2 the United States.

3 (2) She was an extremely talented young artist
4 who started singing at the age of eight. Her parents
5 took joy in her talent and had her start performing
6 with her family. The band they formed was known
7 as Selena y Los Dinos. Selena was just thirteen
8 years old when she was introduced on the Johnny
9 Canales Show.

10 (3) Selena first won the Tejano Music Awards'
11 "Female Vocalist of the Year" in 1986 at the age
12 of fifteen. From 1987 to 1996, she won as "Female
13 Entertainer of the Year" every year, along with
14 other awards such as "Song of the Year".

15 (4) Selena's musical accomplishments are rec-
16 ognized by the Guinness World Record where she
17 holds the most wins of Female Entertainer of the
18 Year at the Tejano Music Awards.

19 (5) Selena's album Selena Live! won a Grammy
20 Award in 1994, making her the first Tejano artist
21 to win a Grammy. Also in 1994, Texas Monthly
22 named her one of the twenty most influential Tex-
23 ans.

24 (6) Selena's fourth album, Amor Prohibido, be-
25 came the first Tejano record to peak at number one

1 on the Billboard Top Latin Albums chart. As of Oc-
2 tober 2017, it is the fourth best-selling Latin album
3 of all time in the United States with over 1.2 million
4 copies sold.

5 (7) Selena’s final album, *Dreaming of You*, was
6 released after her death in 1995 and was the first
7 Tejano album to debut atop the United States Bill-
8 board 200.

9 (8) Aside from her musical contributions,
10 Selena also was passionate about public service. She
11 participated with the Texas Prevention Partnership,
12 sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and
13 Drug Abuse Tour to Schools. She was involved with
14 the D.A.R.E. program and worked with the Coastal
15 Bend Aids Foundation. Selena also taped a public
16 service announcement for the Houston Area Wom-
17 en’s Center, a shelter for battered women, in 1993.

18 (9) After her untimely death at the age of 23,
19 she was honored in many ways. Then Texas Gov-
20 ernor George W. Bush proclaimed April 16, 1995,
21 “Selena Day”.

22 (10) *Selena*, a movie about Selena’s life, was re-
23 leased in 1997 and starred Jennifer Lopez in the
24 leading role.

1 (11) The City of Corpus Christi unveiled a life-
2 size bronze statue of Selena, named “Mirador de la
3 Flor”, or Overlook of the Flower, in 1997 to honor
4 Selena Quintanilla-Perez and her contributions to
5 music and Corpus Christi.

6 (12) In 2011, the United States Postal Service
7 honored Selena as a “Latin Legend” with the
8 issuance of a memorial postage stamp.

9 (13) Selena did not realize all of her dreams,
10 but she remains a beacon for young Tejanas and
11 Latinas in Texas and the United States to follow
12 their dreams.

13 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

14 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration
15 of Selena Quintanilla, the Secretary of the Treasury (here-
16 after in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint
17 and issue the following coins:

18 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
19 coins, which shall—

20 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

22 (C) contain not less than 90 percent gold.

23 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
24 \$1 coins, which shall—

25 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

2 (C) contain not less than 90 percent silver.

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

5 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

7 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
8 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
9 31, United States Code.

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

13 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
14 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
15 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
16 matic items.

17 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

18 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs for the coins
20 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of Selena
21 Quintanilla and her life and accomplishments. At
22 least one obverse design shall bear the image of
23 Selena Quintanilla.

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

1 (A) a designation of the denomination of
2 the coin;

3 (B) an inscription of the year “2029”; and

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

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

9 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation
10 with the Friends of the Corpus Christi Museum of
11 Science and History; and

12 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
13 Committee.

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

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

17 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
18 issue coins minted under this Act only during the calendar
19 year beginning on January 1, 2029.

20 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

21 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
22 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price based upon the
23 sum of—

24 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

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

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

9 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
11 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
12 before the issuance of the coins.

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

16 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

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

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

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

23 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
24 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
25 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act

1 shall be paid to the Friends of the Corpus Christi Museum
2 of Science and History for application to general expenses
3 associated with the fulfillment of the mission of the
4 Friends the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and His-
5 tory, including costs associated with—

6 (1) museum operations; and

7 (2) a Selena exhibit.

8 (c) AUDITS.—The Friends of the Corpus Christi Mu-
9 seum of Science and History shall be subject to the audit
10 requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United
11 States Code, with regard to the amounts received under
12 subsection (b).

13 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
14 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
15 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
16 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
17 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
18 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
19 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
20 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code. The
21 Secretary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

22 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

1 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
2 will not result in any net cost to the Federal Govern-
3 ment; and

4 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
5 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section
6 7(b) until to the total cost of designing and issuing
7 all of the coins authorized by this Act, including
8 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
9 penses, marketing, and shipping is recovered by the
10 United States Treasury, consistent with sections
11 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31, United States
12 Code.

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