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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2025

Mr. STAUBER (for himself, Mrs. McCLAIN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. KEATING, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. CRANK, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. BOST, Ms. FEDORCHAK, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SMUCKER, Ms. MALOY, Mr. JACK, Mr. FONG, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUEST, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. KNOTT, Mr. BARRETT, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BARR, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. COLE, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. EZELL, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. STEIL, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. WIED, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MAST, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. KEAN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. TIFFANY, Ms. OMAR, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. TITUS, Mr. CAREY, Mr. KILEY of California, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. BACON, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BALDERSON, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. EMMER, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mrs.

BICE, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. RULLI, Mr. PALMER, Mr. STANTON, Mr. MANN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. LATTA, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mrs. FISCHBACH, and Mr. BUCHANAN) 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 “Miracle on Ice Con-
 5 gressional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The USA Olympic men’s ice hockey team
 9 competed at the 1980 Winter Olympics, officially the
 10 XIII Olympic Winter Games and known as the 1980

1 Lake Placid games, from February 13 to 24, 1980,
2 in Lake Placid, New York.

3 (2) Team USA, comprised of collegiate players,
4 defeated the defending Olympic champion the Soviet
5 Union 4–3 on February 22, 1980, in the final round
6 of the 1980 Winter Olympics men’s hockey tour-
7 nament.

8 (3) The 1980 USA Olympic men’s hockey team
9 roster included—

- 10 (A) Bill Baker (Grand Rapids, MN);
- 11 (B) Neal Broten (Roseau, MN);
- 12 (C) Dave Christian (Warroad, MN);
- 13 (D) Steve Christoff (Richfield, MN);
- 14 (E) Jim Craig (North Easton, MA);
- 15 (F) Mike Eruzione (Winthrop, MA);
- 16 (G) John Harrington (Virginia, MN);
- 17 (H) Steve Janaszak (Saint Paul, MN);
- 18 (I) Mark Johnson (Madison, WI);
- 19 (J) Rob McClanahan (Saint Paul, MN);
- 20 (K) Ken Morrow (Flint, MI);
- 21 (L) Jack O’Callahan (Charlestown, MA);
- 22 (M) Mark Pavelich (Eveleth, MN);
- 23 (N) Mike Ramsey (Minneapolis, MN);
- 24 (O) Buzz Schneider (Grand Rapids, MN);
- 25 (P) Dave Silk (Scituate, MA);

- 1 (Q) Eric Strobel (Rochester, MN);
2 (R) Bob Suter (Madison, WI);
3 (S) Mark Wells (St. Clair Shores, MI); and
4 (T) Phil Verchota (Duluth, MN).

5 (4) The “Miracle on Ice” USA-Soviet Union
6 final round game aired on tape delay on February
7 22, 1980, from the Lake Placid Games and drew
8 34,200,000 average viewers. The match is remem-
9 bered as a “miracle” as collegiate hockey players de-
10 fied expectations in defeating a Soviet team that
11 won 4 consecutive gold medals dating back to 1964.

12 (5) Team USA defeated Finland 4–1 in its
13 final game to win the gold medal, its first gold
14 medal since 1960 in men’s hockey.

15 (6) Herb Brooks, the last player cut from the
16 1960 U.S. Olympic team that won gold at Squaw
17 Valley, guided the 1980 team to its historic gold
18 medal. Known as a motivator, Brooks molded a
19 team built around hard work, belief in oneself and
20 belief in teammates. He reminded his team when
21 they played the Soviets, “you were born to be hockey
22 players, everyone one of you . . . and you were
23 meant to be here”.

24 (7) The tournament occurred at a time when
25 the United States was struggling with rampant stag-

1 flation, high gas prices, hostages held in Iran, and
2 increased tensions with the Soviet Union whose inva-
3 sion of Afghanistan led to the boycott of the 1980
4 Summer Olympics.

5 (8) The Miracle on Ice was a turning point for
6 American hockey. The game was named the greatest
7 sports moment of the 20th century by Sports Illus-
8 trated.

9 (9) The historic win brought hockey to the
10 front-page of newspapers everywhere, and forever
11 opened the door to the National Hockey League for
12 American-born players. The impact of the event was
13 far-reaching and is still being felt today.

14 (10) Since 1980 American interest in the sport
15 of hockey has increased exponentially. Registrations
16 with USA Hockey have increased by nearly 400 per-
17 cent since 1980 from 136,000 to over 564,000, and
18 the number of National Hockey League players from
19 the United States has increased from 72 in 1980 to
20 245 in 2024.

21 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

22 (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives and the President pro tempore
24 of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the
25 presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of 3 gold medals

1 of appropriate design to the members of the 1980 U.S.
2 Olympic Men’s Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their
3 extraordinary achievement at the 1980 Olympic Winter
4 Games where, being comprised of amateur collegiate play-
5 ers, they defeated the dominant Soviet hockey team in the
6 historic “Miracle on Ice”, revitalizing American morale at
7 the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations and
8 transforming the sport of hockey in the United States.

9 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
10 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
11 Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall
12 strike gold medals with suitable emblems, devices, and in-
13 scriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

14 (c) DISPOSITION OF MEDALS.—Following the award
15 of the gold medals under subsection (a)—

16 (1) one gold medal shall be given to the Lake
17 Placid Olympic Center in Lake Placid, NY, where it
18 shall be displayed as appropriate and made available
19 for research;

20 (2) one gold medal shall be given to the United
21 States Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, MN, where
22 it shall be displayed as appropriate and made avail-
23 able for research; and

24 (3) one gold medal shall be given to the U.S.
25 Olympic and Paralympic Museum in Colorado

4 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
5 bronze of the gold medals struck under section 3, at a
6 price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, including labor,
7 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

9 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck under
10 this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51
11 of title 31, United States Code.

(b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

18 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
19 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
20 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
21 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
22 to this Act.

(b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—The amounts received from the sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under

- 1 section 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint
- 2 Public Enterprise Fund.

