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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the continual recognition of the Nation's semiquincentennial by honoring over 250 years of Americans' service and sacrifice.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) 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 “250 Years of Service
5 and Sacrifice Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) July 4, 1776, marks the historic date when
2 the unanimous Declaration of Independence was
3 adopted, establishing the thirteen United States of
4 America as a free and independent nation.

5 (2) July 4, 2026, will commemorate the 250th
6 anniversary of the Nation’s declaration of independ-
7 ence.

8 (3) It is a long-standing tradition to honor sig-
9 nificant milestones in American history through the
10 minting of commemorative coins.

11 (4) The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foun-
12 dation exemplifies the principles of service and sac-
13 rifice that have defined the Nation for more than
14 250 years by providing financial support, housing
15 assistance, and educational opportunities to Gold
16 Star families, first responders, veterans, and their
17 families, honoring the bravery and dedication of
18 those who serve.

19 (5) First responders have played a vital role in
20 safeguarding American lives and communities since
21 the Nation’s founding, dating back to the first pub-
22 licly funded, paid fire department established in
23 Boston in 1678.

24 (6) During the Civil War (1861–1865), first re-
25 sponders, including battlefield medics and fire-

1 fighters, played critical roles in saving lives and miti-
2 gating destruction, reinforcing their importance in
3 times of national crisis.

4 (7) Gold Star families, who have made the ulti-
5 mate sacrifice in service to the Nation, have endured
6 profound loss while upholding the principles of free-
7 dom and democracy. Their resilience and dedication
8 to honoring their fallen loved ones continue to in-
9 spire and strengthen communities across America.

10 (8) First responders embody the ideals of “life,
11 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” by safe-
12 guarding lives and communities, representing a mod-
13 ern continuation of the sacrifices made during the
14 fight for independence.

15 (9) The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foun-
16 dation’s mission ensures that the legacy of service
17 and sacrifice is preserved and that those who dedi-
18 cate their lives to protecting others are never forgot-
19 ten.

20 (10) The issuance of this commemorative coin
21 will raise awareness of the sacrifices made by Gold
22 Star families, first responders, veterans, and their
23 families, fostering a deeper understanding of their
24 role in upholding the freedoms envisioned in the
25 Declaration of Independence.

1 (11) Congress has a long-standing tradition of
2 authorizing commemorative coins to celebrate the
3 Nation’s history and the contributions of its citizens
4 and organizations to preserving liberty and justice
5 for all.

6 (12) Proceeds from the surcharges on the sale
7 of these commemorative coins will directly benefit
8 the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation,
9 enabling the continuation of its impactful programs
10 that support Gold Star families, first responders,
11 veterans, and their families.

12 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

13 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
14 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
15 shall mint and issue the following coins in continual rec-
16 ognition of the Nation’s semiquincentennial by honoring
17 over 250 years of Americans’ service and sacrifice:

18 (1) \$5.00 GOLD COINS.—Not more than
19 100,000 \$5.00 coins, which shall—

20 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

22 (C) contain at least 90 percent gold.

23 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000
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
9 title 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 (d) MINTAGE LIMIT EXCEPTION.—If the Secretary
18 determines, based on independent, market based research
19 conducted by the designated recipient organization identi-
20 fied in section 7(b) that the mintage levels described under
21 this subsection are not adequate to meet public demand,
22 the Secretary may increase the mintage levels as the Sec-
23 retary determines is necessary to meet public demand.

24 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

25 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
2 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of over
3 250 years of American’s service and sacrifice.

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

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

7 (B) an inscription of the year “2028”; 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 Stephen Siller-Tunnel to Towers Founda-
15 tion and the 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) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
22 issue coins under this Act only during the period begin-
23 ning on January 1, 2028, and ending on December 31,
24 2028.

1 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

5 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

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

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

14 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

21 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
23 Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

24 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the gold
25 coins.

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

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

5 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—All surcharges received by the
6 Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act shall
7 be allocated to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foun-
8 dation to support programs that provide mortgage-free
9 homes to Gold Star families, the families of first respond-
10 ers killed in the line of duty, scholarships for their chil-
11 dren, resources for disaster response teams, and memorial
12 projects honoring their service and sacrifice. These efforts
13 serve as a living tribute to the enduring legacy of those
14 who have safeguarded and advanced the ideals of the Dec-
15 laration of Independence from its signing to the present
16 day.

17 (c) AUDITS.—The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers
18 Foundation shall be subject to the audit requirements of
19 section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with
20 regard to the amounts received under subsection (b).

21 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
22 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
23 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
24 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
25 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-

1 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
2 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
3 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code. The
4 Secretary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
5 this subsection.

6 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

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

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

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