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AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Little Rock Central
3 High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemo-
4 rative Coin Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 The Congress finds the following:

7 (1) September 2007, marks the 50th anniver-
8 sary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central
9 High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

10 (2) In 1957, Little Rock Central High was the
11 site of the first major national test for the imple-
12 mentation of the historic decision of the United
13 States Supreme Court in *Brown, et al. v. Board of*
14 *Education of Topeka, et al.*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954).

15 (3) The courage of the “Little Rock Nine” (Er-
16 nest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Melba Pattillo, Jef-
17 ferson Thomas, Carlotta Walls, Terrence Roberts,
18 Gloria Ray, Thelma Mothershed, and Minnijean
19 Brown) who stood in the face of violence, was influ-
20 ential to the Civil Rights movement and changed
21 American history by providing an example on which
22 to build greater equality.

23 (4) The desegregation of Little Rock Central
24 High by the 9 African American students was recog-
25 nized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as such a sig-
26 nificant event in the struggle for civil rights that in

1 May 1958, he attended the graduation of the first
2 African American from Little Rock Central High
3 School.

4 (5) A commemorative coin will bring national
5 and international attention to the lasting legacy of
6 this important event.

7 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

8 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
9 ury (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
10 shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 \$1 coins each
11 of which shall—

12 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

13 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

14 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
15 copper.

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

19 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
20 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
21 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

22 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

23 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The design of the
24 coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the

1 desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School and
2 its contribution to civil rights in America.

3 (b) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin
4 minted under this Act there shall be—

5 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;

6 (2) an inscription of the year “2007”; and

7 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
8 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
9 “E Pluribus Unum”.

10 (c) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
11 under this Act shall be—

12 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
13 with the Commission of Fine Arts; and

14 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
15 Committee established under section 5135 of title
16 31, United States Code.

17 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

20 (b) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary
21 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January
22 1, 2007, except that the Secretary may initiate sales of
23 such coins, without issuance, before such date.

1 (c) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No
2 coins shall be minted under this Act after December 31,
3 2007.

4 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

5 (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, the coins issued under this Act shall be sold
7 by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the face
8 value of the coins, the surcharge required under section
9 7(a) for the coins, and the cost of designing and issuing
10 such coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machin-
11 ery, overhead expenses, and marketing).

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

15 (c) PREPAID ORDERS AT A DISCOUNT.—

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

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

22 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

23 (a) SURCHARGE REQUIRED.—All sales shall include
24 a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

1 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
2 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which are re-
3 ceived by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under
4 this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the
5 Secretary of the Interior for the protection, preservation,
6 and interpretation of resources and stories associated with
7 Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site,
8 including the following:

9 (1) Site improvements at Little Rock Central
10 High School National Historic Site.

11 (2) Development of interpretive and education
12 programs and historic preservation projects.

13 (3) Establishment of cooperative agreements to
14 preserve or restore the historic character of the Park
15 Street and Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive corridors
16 adjacent to the site.

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

