

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2203

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## AN ACT

To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

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. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Jack Nicklaus is a world-famous golf pro-  
4 fessional, a highly successful business executive, a  
5 prominent advertising spokesman, a passionate and  
6 dedicated philanthropist, a devoted husband, father,  
7 and grandfather, and a man with a common touch  
8 that has made him one of the most popular and ac-  
9 cessible public figures in history.

10 (2) Jack Nicklaus amassed 120 victories in pro-  
11 fessional competition of national or international  
12 stature, 73 of which came on the Professional Golf  
13 Association (in this Act referred to as the “PGA”)  
14 Tour, and professional major-championship titles.  
15 His record 18 professional majors, the first of which  
16 he won 50 years ago with his win at the 1962 U.S.  
17 Open as a 22-year-old rookie, remains the standard  
18 by which all golfers are measured. He is the only  
19 player in golf history to have won each major cham-  
20 pionship at least three times, and is the only player  
21 to complete a career “Grand Slam” on both the reg-  
22 ular and senior tours. He also owns the record for  
23 most major championships as a senior, with eight.

24 (3) Jack Nicklaus’ magnetic personality and  
25 unflinching sense of kindness and thoughtfulness have  
26 endeared him to millions throughout the world.

1           (4) Jack Nicklaus has been the recipient of  
2           countless athletic honors, including being named In-  
3           dividual Male Athlete of the Century by Sports Illus-  
4           trated, one of the 10 Greatest Athletes of the Cen-  
5           tury by ESPN, and Golfer of the Century or Golfer  
6           of the Millennium by every major national and inter-  
7           national media outlet. He received the Muhammad  
8           Ali Sports Legend Award and the first-ever ESPY  
9           Lifetime Achievement Award. He became the first  
10          golfer and only the third athlete to receive the Vince  
11          Lombardi Award of Excellence, and is also a five-  
12          time winner of the PGA Player of the Year Award.  
13          He was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame  
14          at the age of 34.

15          (5) Jack Nicklaus has received numerous hon-  
16          ors outside of the world of sports, including several  
17          golf industry awards for his work and contributions  
18          as a golf course designer, such as the Old Tom Mor-  
19          ris Award, which is the highest honor given by the  
20          Golf Course Superintendents Association of America,  
21          and both the Donald Ross Award given by the  
22          American Society of Golf Course Architects and the  
23          Don A. Rossi Award given by the Golf Course Build-  
24          ers Association of America. Golf Inc. Magazine  
25          named him the Most Powerful Person in Golf for a

1 record six consecutive years, due to his impact on  
2 various aspects of the industry through his course  
3 design work, marketing and licensing business, his  
4 ambassadorial role in promoting and growing the  
5 game of golf worldwide, and his involvement on a  
6 national and global level with various charitable  
7 causes.

8 (6) Jack Nicklaus has been involved in the de-  
9 sign of more than 290 golf courses worldwide, and  
10 his business, Nicklaus Design, has close to 380  
11 courses open for play in 36 countries and 39 States.

12 (7) Jack Nicklaus served as the Global Amba-  
13 sador for a campaign to include golf in the Olympic  
14 Games, which was achieved and will begin in the  
15 2016 Olympic program.

16 (8) Jack Nicklaus was honored by President  
17 George W. Bush in 2005 by receiving the Presi-  
18 dential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given  
19 to any United States civilian.

20 (9) Jack Nicklaus has a long-standing commit-  
21 ment to numerous charitable causes, such as his  
22 founding, along with wife Barbara, of the Nicklaus  
23 Children's Health Care Foundation, which provides  
24 pediatric health care services throughout South Flor-  
25 ida and in other parts of the country. The Founda-

1       tion has raised close to \$24,000,000 since it was  
2       formed in 2004, and has provided health assistance  
3       and services to more than 4,000 children and their  
4       families through—

5               (A) Child Life programs (supporting thera-  
6               peutic interventions for children with chronic  
7               and acute conditions during hospitalization);

8               (B) Miami Children’s Hospital Nicklaus  
9               Care Centers (to offer a new option to Palm  
10              Beach County-area families with children who  
11              require pediatric specialty care); and

12              (C) Safe Kids Program (aimed at keeping  
13              children injury-free and offering safety edu-  
14              cation in an effort to decrease accidental inju-  
15              ries in children).

16              (10) In October 2012, the Miami Children’s  
17              Hospital Nicklaus Outpatient Center was opened to  
18              provide pediatric urgent care, diagnostic services,  
19              and rehabilitation services in Palm Beach County.

20              (11) Jack Nicklaus also established an annual  
21              pro-am golf tournament called “The Jake” to honor  
22              his 17-month-old grandson who passed away in  
23              2005, and it serves as a primary fundraiser for the  
24              Nicklaus Children’s Health Care Foundation. The

1 event alone has raised well over \$43,000,000 over  
2 the last several years.

3 (12) Nicklaus has been a tireless supporter of  
4 numerous junior golf initiatives, working with the  
5 PGA of America Junior Golf Foundation over the  
6 course of four decades, including the establishment  
7 of the Barbara and Jack Nicklaus Junior Golf En-  
8 dowment Fund and the PGA-Nicklaus First Tee  
9 Teaching Grants. He also is a spokesperson for sev-  
10 eral PGA of America and USGA growth-of-the-game  
11 initiatives. He continues to support several scholar-  
12 ship foundations, other children's hospitals, and  
13 other causes, including spinal-cord research, pan-  
14 creatic cancer issues, and Florida Everglades res-  
15 toration.

16 (13) In 2013, Jack Nicklaus, with the support  
17 of the National Park and Recreation Association  
18 (NRPA), launched the Jack Nicklaus Learning  
19 Leagues, taking team-concept golf to our parks sys-  
20 tem for children, ages 5 to 12. A non-profit founda-  
21 tion called Global Outreach for Learning Foundation  
22 (GOLF) was created to underwrite the program. By  
23 the end of 2013, they hope to have the program in  
24 more than 100 locations and reach close to 25,000  
25 children.

1           (14) Jack Nicklaus continues to manage the  
2           Memorial Tournament in his home State of Ohio, in  
3           which contributions generated through the aid of  
4           over 2,600 volunteers are given to support Nation-  
5           wide Children’s Hospital and close to 75 other Cen-  
6           tral Ohio charities. This has garnered more than  
7           \$5,700,000 for programs and services at Nationwide  
8           Children’s Hospital since 1976, so that Central Ohio  
9           will continue to have one of the best children’s hos-  
10          pitals in the United States.

11          (15) Jack Nicklaus serves as an honorary  
12          chairs of the American Lake Veterans Golf Course  
13          in Tacoma, Washington, which neighbors a Veterans  
14          Administration hospital and is designed for the reha-  
15          bilitation of wounded and disabled veterans.  
16          Nicklaus has donated his design services for the im-  
17          provement of the course, and raised contributions  
18          for the addition of nine new holes (the “Nicklaus  
19          Nine”), the construction of the Rehabilitation and  
20          Learning Center, and the upgrade of the mainte-  
21          nance facilities. The course is considered the only  
22          one in the United States designed solely for the use  
23          of disabled veterans. It served over 30,000 veterans  
24          and their families in 2011 to use the healing powers  
25          of golf to help them rehabilitate and recreate. The

1 hope is that American Lake will serve as a pilot pro-  
2 gram for the more than 150 Veterans Administra-  
3 tion hospitals nationwide.

4 (16) Jack Nicklaus serves as a spokesperson  
5 and Trustee for the First Tee program, which brings  
6 golf to children who would not otherwise be exposed  
7 to it, and teaches them valuable, character-building  
8 life lessons through the game of golf, and is a na-  
9 tional co-chair of the organization's More Than a  
10 Game campaign.

11 (17) Jack Nicklaus remains active in tour-  
12 nament golf, although he retired from major cham-  
13 pionship competition in 2005, when he played his  
14 final British Open and his final Masters Tour-  
15 nament, and led the United States to a thrilling vic-  
16 tory in the President's Cup. He consults often with  
17 the PGA Tour, and no fewer than 95 Nicklaus  
18 courses have hosted a combined total of almost 700  
19 professional tournaments. In 2013 alone, Nicklaus  
20 courses will host 17 PGA Tour-sanctioned events.  
21 His Muirfield Village Golf Club in Ohio will be  
22 hosting the Presidents Cup in October 2013, making  
23 it the only club in history to have hosted all three  
24 of the game's most prominent international team  
25 competitions—the Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup and

1 Presidents Cup. It is also expected that his course  
2 at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea in New  
3 Songdo City, South Korea, will be named the host  
4 venue for the 2015 Presidents Cup—the first time  
5 that country has hosted an international team com-  
6 petition of this stature

7 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Sen-  
10 ate shall make appropriate arrangements for the presen-  
11 tation, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appro-  
12 priate design to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service  
13 to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sports-  
14 manship.

15 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the  
16 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
17 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-  
18 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the  
19 Secretary.

20 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

21 Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treas-  
22 ury may prescribe, the Secretary may strike duplicate  
23 medals in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to  
24 section 2 and sell such duplicate medals at a price suffi-  
25 cient to cover the costs of the duplicate medals (including

1 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-  
2 penses) and the cost of the gold medal.

3 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

4       The medals struck under this Act are national medals  
5 for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

      Passed the House of Representatives May 19, 2014.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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