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H. R. 2203

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2013

Mr. TIBERI (for himself and Mr. ROONEY) 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Jack Nicklaus is a world-famous golf pro-
6 fessional, a highly successful business executive, a
7 prominent advertising spokesman, a passionate and
8 dedicated philanthropist, a devoted husband, father,

1 and grandfather, and a man with a common touch
2 that has made him one of the most popular and ac-
3 cessible public figures in history.

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

18 (3) Jack Nicklaus’ magnetic personality and
19 unflinching sense of kindness and thoughtfulness have
20 endeared him to millions throughout the world.

21 (4) Jack Nicklaus has been the recipient of
22 countless athletic honors, including being named In-
23 dividual Male Athlete of the Century by Sports Illus-
24 trated, one of the 10 Greatest Athletes of the Cen-
25 tury by ESPN, and Golfer of the Century or Golfer

1 of the Millennium by every major national and inter-
2 national media outlet. He received the Muhammad
3 Ali Sports Legend Award and the first-ever ESPY
4 Lifetime Achievement Award. He became the first
5 golfer and only the third athlete to receive the Vince
6 Lombardi Award of Excellence, and is also a five-
7 time winner of the PGA Player of the Year Award.
8 He was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame
9 at the age of 34.

10 (5) Jack Nicklaus has received numerous hon-
11 ors outside of the world of sports, including several
12 golf industry awards for his work and contributions
13 as a golf course designer, such as the Old Tom Mor-
14 ris Award, which is the highest honor given by the
15 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America,
16 and both the Donald Ross Award given by the
17 American Society of Golf Course Architects and the
18 Don A. Rossi Award given by the Golf Course Build-
19 ers Association of America. Golf Inc. Magazine
20 named him the Most Powerful Person in Golf for a
21 record six consecutive years, due to his impact on
22 various aspects of the industry through his course
23 design work, marketing and licensing business, his
24 ambassadorial role in promoting and growing the
25 game of golf worldwide, and his involvement on a

1 national and global level with various charitable
2 causes.

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

7 (7) Jack Nicklaus served as the Global Amba-
8 sador for a campaign to include golf in the Olympic
9 Games, which was achieved and will begin in the
10 2016 Olympic program.

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

15 (9) Jack Nicklaus has a long-standing commit-
16 ment to numerous charitable causes, such as his
17 founding, along with wife Barbara, of the Nicklaus
18 Children's Health Care Foundation, which provides
19 pediatric health care services throughout South Flor-
20 ida and in other parts of the country. The Founda-
21 tion has raised close to \$24,000,000 since it was
22 formed in 2004, and has provided health assistance
23 and services to more than 4,000 children and their
24 families through—

1 (A) Child Life programs (supporting thera-
2 peutic interventions for children with chronic
3 and acute conditions during hospitalization);

4 (B) Miami Children’s Hospital Nicklaus
5 Care Centers (to offer a new option to Palm
6 Beach County-area families with children who
7 require pediatric specialty care); and

8 (C) Safe Kids Program (aimed at keeping
9 children injury-free and offering safety edu-
10 cation in an effort to decrease accidental inju-
11 ries in children).

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

16 (11) Jack Nicklaus also established an annual
17 pro-am golf tournament called “The Jake” to honor
18 his 17-month-old grandson who passed away in
19 2005, and it serves as a primary fundraiser for the
20 Nicklaus Children’s Health Care Foundation. The
21 event alone has raised well over \$43,000,000 over
22 the last several years.

23 (12) Nicklaus has been a tireless supporter of
24 numerous junior golf initiatives, working with the
25 PGA of America Junior Golf Foundation over the

1 course of four decades, including the establishment
2 of the Barbara and Jack Nicklaus Junior Golf En-
3 dowment Fund and the PGA-Nicklaus First Tee
4 Teaching Grants. He also is a spokesperson for sev-
5 eral PGA of America and USGA growth-of-the-game
6 initiatives. He continues to support several scholar-
7 ship foundations, other children's hospitals, and
8 other causes, including spinal-cord research, pan-
9 creatic cancer issues, and Florida Everglades res-
10 toration.

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

21 (14) Jack Nicklaus continues to manage the
22 Memorial Tournament in his home State of Ohio, in
23 which contributions generated through the aid of
24 over 2,600 volunteers are given to support Nation-
25 wide Children's Hospital and close to 75 other Cen-

1 tral Ohio charities. This has garnered more than
2 \$5,700,000 for programs and services at Nationwide
3 Children’s Hospital since 1976, so that Central Ohio
4 will continue to have one of the best children’s hos-
5 pitals in the United States.

6 (15) Jack Nicklaus serves as an honorary
7 chairs of the American Lake Veterans Golf Course
8 in Tacoma, Washington, which neighbors a Veterans
9 Administration hospital and is designed for the reha-
10 bilitation of wounded and disabled veterans.
11 Nicklaus has donated his design services for the im-
12 provement of the course, and raised contributions
13 for the addition of nine new holes (the “Nicklaus
14 Nine”), the construction of the Rehabilitation and
15 Learning Center, and the upgrade of the mainte-
16 nance facilities. The course is considered the only
17 one in the United States designed solely for the use
18 of disabled veterans. It served over 30,000 veterans
19 and their families in 2011 to use the healing powers
20 of golf to help them rehabilitate and recreate. The
21 hope is that American Lake will serve as a pilot pro-
22 gram for the more than 150 Veterans Administra-
23 tion hospitals nationwide.

24 (16) Jack Nicklaus serves as a spokesperson
25 and Trustee for the First Tee program, which brings

1 golf to children who would not otherwise be exposed
2 to it, and teaches them valuable, character-building
3 life lessons through the game of golf, and is a na-
4 tional co-chair of the organization's More Than a
5 Game campaign.

6 (17) Jack Nicklaus remains active in tour-
7 nament golf, although he retired from major cham-
8 pionship competition in 2005, when he played his
9 final British Open and his final Masters Tour-
10 nament, and led the United States to a thrilling vic-
11 tory in the President's Cup. He consults often with
12 the PGA Tour, and no fewer than 95 Nicklaus
13 courses have hosted a combined total of almost 700
14 professional tournaments. In 2013 alone, Nicklaus
15 courses will host 17 PGA Tour-sanctioned events.
16 His Muirfield Village Golf Club in Ohio will be
17 hosting the Presidents Cup in October 2013, making
18 it the only club in history to have hosted all three
19 of the game's most prominent international team
20 competitions—the Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup and
21 Presidents Cup. It is also expected that his course
22 at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea in New
23 Songdo City, South Korea, will be named the host
24 venue for the 2015 Presidents Cup—the first time

1 that country has hosted an international team com-
2 petition of this stature

3 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

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

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

16 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

17 Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treas-
18 ury may prescribe, the Secretary may strike duplicate
19 medals in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to
20 section 2 and sell such duplicate medals at a price suffi-
21 cient to cover the costs of the duplicate medals (including
22 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
23 penses) and the cost of the gold medal.

1 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

4 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

5 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
6 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
7 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000
8 to pay for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

9 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the
10 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
11 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
12 Fund.

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