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# H. R. 2657

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To award a congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy  
Graham.

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 The Congress hereby finds the following:

1           (1) Ruth and Billy Graham have made out-  
2 standing and lasting contributions to morality, racial  
3 equality, family, philanthropy, and religion.

4           (2) America's most respected and admired  
5 evangelical leader for the past half century, Billy  
6 Graham's crusades have reached 100,000,000 people  
7 in person and reached over 2,000,000,000 people  
8 worldwide on television.

9           (3) Billy Graham, throughout his 76 years of  
10 life and his 52-year marriage to Ruth Graham, has  
11 exemplified the highest ideals of teaching, counsel-  
12 ing, ethics, charity, faith, and family.

13           (4) Billy Graham's daily newspaper column and  
14 14 books have provided spiritual counseling and per-  
15 sonal enrichment to millions of people.

16           (5) Ruth and Billy Graham have been the driv-  
17 ing force to create the Ruth and Billy Graham Chil-  
18 dren's Health Center at Memorial Mission Hospital  
19 in Asheville, North Carolina, whose vision it is to im-  
20 prove the health and well-being of children and to  
21 become a new resource for ending the pain and suf-  
22 fering of children.

23 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

24           (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of  
25 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-

1 pore of the Senate are authorized to present, on behalf  
2 of the Congress, to Billy and Ruth Graham a gold medal  
3 of appropriate design, in recognition of their outstanding  
4 and enduring contributions toward faith, morality, and  
5 charity.

6 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the  
7 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
8 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-  
9 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the  
10 Secretary.

11 (c) GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
13 ury may accept, use, and disburse gifts or donations  
14 of property or money to carry out this section.

15 (2) NO APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED.—No  
16 amount is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
17 this section.

18 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

19 The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell  
20 duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant  
21 to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may  
22 prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof,  
23 including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and  
24 overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

1 **SEC. 4. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

2 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-  
3 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter  
4 51 of title 31, United States Code.

5 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
6 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck  
7 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

8 **SEC. 5. TRANSFER OF ANY PROFIT TO LIBRARY OF CON-**  
9 **GRESS.**

10 The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer an  
11 amount equal to the amount by which—

12 (1) the sum of any gifts and donations received  
13 by the Secretary in accordance with section 2(e)(2)  
14 and any proceeds from the sale of duplicate medals  
15 under section 3, exceeds

16 (2) the total amount of the costs incurred by  
17 the Secretary in carrying out this Act,  
18 from the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund to the Li-  
19 brary of Congress.

Passed the House of Representatives January 23,  
1996.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*