

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2248

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 1997

Mr. LEACH (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and 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 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew—

6 (A) is the spiritual leader of nearly 300
7 million Orthodox Christians around the world

1 and millions of Orthodox Christians in America;
2 and

3 (B) is recognized in the United States and
4 abroad as a leader in the quest for world peace,
5 respect for the earth's environment, and greater
6 religious understanding;

7 (2) the extraordinary efforts of Ecumenical Pa-
8 triarch Bartholomew continue to bring people of all
9 faiths closer together in America and around the
10 world;

11 (3) the courageous leadership of Ecumenical
12 Patriarch Bartholomew for peace in the Balkans,
13 Eastern Europe, the Middle East, the Eastern Medi-
14 terranean, and elsewhere inspires and encourages
15 people of all faiths toward his dream of world peace
16 in the new millennium; and

17 (4) the outstanding accomplishments of Ecu-
18 menical Patriarch Bartholomew have been formally
19 recognized and honored by numerous governmental,
20 academic, and other institutions around the world.

21 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

22 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
23 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold
24 medal of appropriate design to Ecumenical Patriarch Bar-

1 tholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring
2 contributions to religious understanding and peace.

3 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
4 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
5 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
6 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
7 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
8 Secretary.

9 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

10 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
11 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
12 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,
13 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, includ-
14 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
15 penses, and the cost of the gold medal.

16 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

17 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
18 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
19 States Code.

20 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**
21 **OF SALE.**

22 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 hereby authorized to be charged against the Numismatic
24 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000
25 to pay for the cost of the medal authorized by this Act.

1 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
2 sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
3 deposited in the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund.

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