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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 2001

Mr. KING (for himself and Mrs. MALONEY of New York) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “True American Heroes
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—In recognition of
3 the bravery and self-sacrifice of officers, emergency work-
4 ers, and other employees of State and local government
5 agencies, including the Port Authority of New York and
6 New Jersey, and of the United States Government, who
7 responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center in
8 New York City, and perished in the tragic events of Sep-
9 tember 11, 2001 (including those who are missing and
10 presumed dead), the President is authorized to present,
11 on behalf of the Congress, a gold medal of appropriate
12 design for each such officer, emergency worker, or em-
13 ployee to the next of kin or other representative of each
14 such officer, emergency worker, or employee.

15 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
16 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
17 of the Treasury shall strike gold medals with suitable em-
18 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
19 Secretary to be emblematic of the valor and heroism of
20 the men and women honored.

21 (c) DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Sec-
22 retary of the Treasury shall determine the number of med-
23 als to be presented under this section and the appropriate
24 recipients of the medals after consulting with appropriate
25 representatives of Federal, State, and local officers and

1 agencies and the Port Authority of New York and New
2 Jersey.

3 (d) PRESENTMENT CEREMONY.—The President shall
4 consult with the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
5 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the majority
6 leader and the minority leader of the House of Represent-
7 atives, and the majority leader and the minority leader of
8 the Senate with regard to the ceremony for presenting the
9 gold medals under subsection (a).

10 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATIVE GOLD MEDALS FOR DEPARTMENTS**
11 **AND DUTY STATIONS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
13 shall strike duplicates in gold of the gold medals struck
14 pursuant to section 2 for presentation to each of the fol-
15 lowing:

16 (1) The Governor of the State of New York.

17 (2) The Mayor of the City of New York.

18 (3) The Commissioner of the New York Police
19 Department, the Commissioner of the New York
20 Fire Department, the head of emergency medical
21 services for the City of New York, and the Chairman
22 of the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of
23 New York and New Jersey.

24 (4) Each precinct house, fire house, emergency
25 response station, or other duty station or place of

1 employment to which each person referred to in sec-
2 tion 2(a) was assigned on September 11, 2001, for
3 display in each such place in a manner befitting the
4 memory of such persons.

5 (b) DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Sec-
6 retary of the Treasury shall determine the number of med-
7 als to be presented under this section and the appropriate
8 recipients of the medals after consulting with appropriate
9 representatives of Federal, State, and local officers and
10 agencies and the Port Authority of New York and New
11 Jersey.

12 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE BRONZE MEDALS.**

13 The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell
14 duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant
15 to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may
16 prescribe, at a price of \$50 per medal.

17 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

21 **SEC. 6. PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

22 Amounts received from the sales of duplicate bronze
23 medals under section 4 shall be deposited in a fund to
24 be used to erect a memorial for the fallen emergency re-
25 sponders.

1 **SEC. 7. USE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT AT WEST POINT,**
2 **NEW YORK.**

3 It is the sense of the Congress that the medals au-
4 thorized under this Act should—

5 (1) be designed, struck, and presented not more
6 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act; and

8 (2) be struck at the United States Mint at West
9 Point, New York, to the greatest extent possible.

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