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To authorize the minting of coins to commemorate the 175th anniversary
of the founding of the United States Botanic Garden.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Texas (for himself, Mr. ROEMER, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut,
Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. WHEAT, and Mr. DARDEN)
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on
Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To authorize the minting of coins to commemorate the 175th
anniversary of the founding of the United States Botanic
Garden.

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 “United States Botanic
5 Garden Commemorative Coin Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

7 (a) ONE-DOLLAR SILVER COINS.—

8 (1) ISSUANCE.—The Secretary of the Treasury
9 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)

1 shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 \$1
2 coins, which shall weigh 26.73 grams, have a diame-
3 ter of 1.500 inches, and contain 90 percent silver
4 and 10 percent copper.

5 (2) DESIGN.—The design of the coins issued
6 under this Act shall be a rose, the national floral
7 emblem, and a frontal view of the French facade of
8 the United States Botanic Garden. On each coin
9 there shall be a designation of the value of the coin,
10 an inscription of the year “1995”, and inscriptions
11 of the words “Liberty”, “In God We Trust”,
12 “United States of America”, and “E Pluribus
13 Unum”.

14 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins issued under this
15 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
16 title 31, United States Code.

17 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
18 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
19 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

20 **SEC. 3. SOURCE OF BULLION.**

21 The Secretary shall obtain silver for the coins minted
22 under this Act only from stockpiles established under the
23 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

1 **SEC. 4. SELECTION OF DESIGN.**

2 The design for the coins minted under this Act shall
3 be—

4 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
5 with the National Fund for the United States Bo-
6 tanic Garden and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

7 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative
8 Coin Advisory Committee.

9 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

10 (a) **QUALITY OF COINS.**—Coins minted under this
11 Act may be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

12 (b) **MINT FACILITY.**—Not more than 1 facility of the
13 United States Mint may be used to strike any particular
14 quality of the coins minted under this Act.

15 (c) **PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may issue
16 coins minted under this Act during the period beginning
17 on January 1, 1995, and ending on December 31, 1995.

18 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

19 (a) **SALE PRICE.**—The coins authorized under this
20 Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the
21 sum of the face value of the coins, the surcharge provided
22 in subsection (d) with respect to such coins, and the cost
23 of designing and issuing the coins (including labor, mate-
24 rials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, market-
25 ing, and shipping).

1 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
2 sales available at a reasonable discount.

3 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—The Secretary shall accept
4 prepaid orders for the coins authorized under this Act
5 prior to the issuance of such coins. Sales under this sub-
6 section shall be at a reasonable discount.

7 (d) SURCHARGE REQUIRED.—All sales shall include
8 a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

9 **SEC. 7. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-**
10 **TIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
12 (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public
13 contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods
14 and services necessary for carrying out the provisions of
15 this Act.

16 (b) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.—Sub-
17 section (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a con-
18 tract under the authority of this Act from complying with
19 any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

20 **SEC. 8. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.**

21 All surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale
22 of coins issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by
23 the Secretary to the National Fund for the United States
24 Botanic Garden.

1 **SEC. 9. AUDITS.**

2 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
3 have the right to examine such books, records, documents,
4 and other data of the National Fund for the United States
5 Botanic Garden as may be related to the expenditures of
6 amounts paid under section 8.

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