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# H. R. 2560

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

Mr. THOMPSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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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. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress hereby finds the following:

1           (1) Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls La-  
2           Nier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria  
3           Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest  
4           Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas,  
5           hereafter in this section referred to as the “Little  
6           Rock Nine”, voluntarily subjected themselves to the  
7           bitter stinging pains of racial bigotry.

8           (2) The Little Rock Nine are civil rights pio-  
9           neers whose selfless acts considerably advanced the  
10          civil rights debate in this country.

11          (3) The Little Rock Nine risked their lives to  
12          integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Ar-  
13          kansas, and subsequently the Nation.

14          (4) The Little Rock Nine sacrificed their inno-  
15          cence to protect the American principle that we are  
16          all “one nation, under God, indivisible”.

17          (5) The Little Rock Nine have indelibly left  
18          their mark on the history of this Nation.

19          (6) The Little Rock Nine have continued to  
20          work towards equality for all Americans.

21 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

22          (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is  
23          authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Jean  
24          Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo  
25          Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma

1 Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and  
2 Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred to collectively as the  
3 “Little Rock Nine”, gold medals of appropriate design,  
4 in recognition of the selfless heroism such individuals ex-  
5 hibited and the pain they suffered in the cause of civil  
6 rights by integrating Central High School in Little Rock,  
7 Arkansas.

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

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—Effective  
14 October 1, 1997, there are authorized to be appropriated  
15 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

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

17 (a) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the  
18 Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the  
19 gold medals struck pursuant to section 2 under such regu-  
20 lations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient  
21 to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies,  
22 use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of  
23 the gold medal.

1           (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.—The ap-  
2   propriation used to carry out section 2 shall be reimbursed  
3   out of the proceeds of sales under subsection (a).

4   **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

5           The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national  
6   medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United  
7   States Code.

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