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# H. R. 279

To award a congressional gold medal to Francis Albert Sinatra.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO (for himself, Mr. BONO, Mr. CLAY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FROST, Mr. GREEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MILLER of California, and Mr. PASTOR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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## 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. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

4 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is  
5 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to  
6 Francis Albert “Frank” Sinatra a gold medal of appro-  
7 priate design, in recognition of his accomplishments as an  
8 entertainer and humanitarian, which include—

1           (1) having a career in the entertainment indus-  
2           try spanning 5 decades where he produced, directed,  
3           or appeared in more than 50 motion pictures, re-  
4           corded thousands of songs with annual sales num-  
5           bering in the millions, and won many major awards  
6           in American popular entertainment including 7  
7           Grammys, a Peabody, an Emmy and a Best Sup-  
8           porting Actor Oscar; and

9           (2) earning the Life Achievement Award of the  
10          NAACP, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and  
11          Sciences' Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, and  
12          the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his humani-  
13          tarian and social justice efforts.

14          (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the  
15          presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
16          of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-  
17          blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the  
18          Secretary.

19          (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There are  
20          authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$30,000 to  
21          carry out this section.

22          **SEC. 2. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

23          (a) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the  
24          Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the

1 gold medal struck pursuant to section 1 under such regu-  
2 lations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient  
3 to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies,  
4 use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of  
5 the gold medal.

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

9 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

10 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national  
11 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United  
12 States Code.

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