

105TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3156

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 1998

Received

AN ACT

To present a congressional gold medal to Nelson Rolihlahla
Mandela.

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 the following:

1 (1) Nelson Mandela has dedicated his entire life
2 to the abolition of apartheid and the creation of a
3 true democracy in the Republic of South Africa and
4 has sacrificed his own personal freedom for the good
5 of everyone.

6 (2) For nearly 30 years as a political prisoner,
7 Nelson Mandela never compromised his political
8 principles, was a source of strength and education
9 for other political prisoners, and refused offers of
10 freedom in exchange for a renunciation of his per-
11 sonal and political beliefs.

12 (3) After his release from prison, Nelson
13 Mandela continued to pursue his goal of a free
14 South Africa, and was elected and subsequently in-
15 augurated as State President of the Republic of
16 South Africa on May 10, 1994, at the age of 75
17 years.

18 (4) Nelson Mandela's dedication to freedom did
19 not cease once the apartheid laws were lifted, as he
20 then focused his efforts toward reconciliation by cre-
21 ating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission,
22 chaired by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

23 (5) Nelson Mandela is the recipient of many
24 awards and accolades, including the Nobel Peace
25 Prize (which he accepted with then-State President

1 F.W. de Klerk in 1993), and more than 50 honorary
2 degrees from universities around the world.

3 (6) Millions of individuals of all races and back-
4 grounds in the United States and around the world
5 followed Nelson Mandela's example and fought for
6 the abolition of apartheid in the Republic of South
7 Africa and in this regard the Congress recognizes
8 Amy Elizabeth Biehl, an American student who lost
9 her life in the struggle to free South Africa from ra-
10 cial oppression, and the spirit of forgiveness and rec-
11 onciliation displayed by her parents, Peter and
12 Linda Biehl.

13 (7) Nelson Mandela is a prime example of how
14 to work to heal the wounds of racism.

15 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

16 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
17 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold
18 medal of appropriate design to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela
19 in recognition of his life-long dedication to the abolition
20 of apartheid and the promotion of reconciliation among
21 the people of the Republic of South Africa.

22 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
23 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
24 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
25 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-

1 blem, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
2 Secretary.

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

4 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
5 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
6 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2 at a price
7 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor,
8 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

9 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

12 **SEC. 5. FUNDING AND PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

13 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—There is hereby authorized to
14 be charged against the United States Mint Public Enter-
15 prise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay for
16 the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

17 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
18 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
19 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
20 Fund.

Passed the House of Representatives June 16, 1998.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.