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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs

AN ACT

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Charles M. Schulz was born on November
4 26, 1922, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of Carl
5 and Dena Schulz.

6 (2) Charles M. Schulz served his country in
7 World War II, working his way up from infantryman
8 to staff sergeant and eventually leading a machine
9 gun squad. He kept morale high by decorating fellow
10 soldiers' letters home with cartoons of barracks life.

11 (3) After returning from the war, Charles M.
12 Schulz returned to his love for illustration and took
13 a job with "Timeless Topix". He also took a second
14 job as an art instructor. Eventually his hard work
15 paid off when the Saturday Evening Post began pur-
16 chasing a number of his single comic panels.

17 (4) It was in his first weekly comic strip, "L'il
18 Folks", that Charlie Brown was born. That comic
19 strip, which was eventually renamed "Peanuts", be-
20 came the sole focus of Charles M. Schulz's career.

21 (5) Charles M. Schulz has drawn every frame
22 of his strip, which runs seven days a week, since it
23 was created in October 1950. This is rare dedication
24 in the field of comic illustration.

25 (6) The "Peanuts" comic strip appears in
26 2,600 newspapers around the world and reaches ap-

1 proximately 335 million readers every day in 20 dif-
2 ferent languages. Because of this, Charles M. Schulz
3 is the most successful comic illustrator in the world.

4 (7) Charles M. Schulz’s television special, “A
5 Charlie Brown Christmas”, has run for 34 consecu-
6 tive years. In all, more than 60 animated specials
7 have been created based on “Peanuts” characters.
8 Four feature films, 1,400 books, and a hit Broadway
9 musical about the “Peanuts” characters have also
10 been produced.

11 (8) Charles M. Schulz is a leader in the field
12 of comic illustration and in his community. He has
13 paved the way for other artists in this field over the
14 last 50 years and continues to be praised for his out-
15 standing achievements.

16 (9) Charles M. Schulz has given back to his
17 community in many ways, including owning and op-
18 erating Redwood Empire Ice Arena in Santa Rosa,
19 California. The arena has become a favorite gath-
20 ering spot for people of all ages. Charles M. Schulz
21 finances a yearly ice show that draws crowds from
22 all over the San Francisco Bay Area.

23 (10) Charles M. Schulz has given the Nation a
24 unique sense of optimism, purpose, and pride.
25 Whether through the Great Pumpkin Patch, the

1 Kite Eating Tree, Lucy’s Psychiatric Help Stand, or
2 Snoopy’s adventures with the Red Baron, “Peanuts”
3 has embodied human vulnerabilities, emotions, and
4 potential.

5 (11) Charles M. Schulz’s lifetime of work has
6 linked generations of Americans and has become a
7 part of the fabric of our national culture.

8 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

9 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
10 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold
11 medal of appropriate design to Charles M. Schulz in rec-
12 ognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation
13 and the world.

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

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

21 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
22 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
23 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2 at a price
24 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor,

1 materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, and
2 the cost of the gold medal.

3 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

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

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

11 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
12 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
13 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
14 Fund.

Passed the House of Representatives February 15,
2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.