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To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation.

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Ms. CARSON (for herself, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. HORN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. DIXON, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. FORD, Mr. WEYGAND, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. LEE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. WYNN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. RUSH, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. STARK, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. REYES, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. WATERS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HILL of Indiana, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. OLVER, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. VENTO, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. SKELTON, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. SNYDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

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of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation.

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 makes the following findings:

5 (1) Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913,
6 in Tuskegee, Alabama, the first child of James and
7 Leona (Edwards) McCauley.

8 (2) Rosa Parks is honored as the “first lady of
9 civil rights” and the “mother of the freedom move-
10 ment”; her quiet dignity ignited the most significant
11 social movement in the history of the United States.

12 (3) Rosa Parks was arrested on December 1,
13 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give
14 up her seat on a bus to a white man, and her stand
15 for equal rights became legendary.

16 (4) News of Rosa Parks’ arrest resulted in
17 42,000 African Americans boycotting Montgomery
18 buses for 381 days beginning on December 5, 1955,
19 until the bus segregation laws were changed on De-
20 cember 21, 1956.

21 (5) The United States Supreme Court ruled on
22 November 13, 1956, that the Montgomery segrega-
23 tion law was unconstitutional, and on December 20,

1 1956, Montgomery officials were ordered to deseg-
2 regate buses.

3 (6) The civil rights movement led to the Civil
4 Rights Act of 1964 which broke down the barriers
5 of legal discrimination against African Americans
6 and made equality before the law a reality for all
7 Americans.

8 (7) Rosa Parks is the recipient of many awards
9 and accolades for her efforts on behalf of racial har-
10 mony, including the Springarn Award, the NAACP's
11 highest honor for civil rights contributions, the Pres-
12 idential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest ci-
13 vilian honor, and the first International Freedom
14 Conductor Award from the National Underground
15 Railroad Freedom Center.

16 (8) Rosa Parks has dedicated her life to the
17 cause of universal human rights and truly embodies
18 the love of humanity and freedom.

19 (9) Rosa Parks was the first woman to join the
20 Montgomery chapter of the NAACP, was an active
21 volunteer for the Montgomery Voters League, and in
22 1987 cofounded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Insti-
23 tute for Self-Development.

24 (10) Rosa Parks, by her quiet courage, symbol-
25 izes all that is vital about nonviolent protest; she en-

1 dured threats of death and persisted as an advocate
2 for the simple, basic lessons she taught the Nation
3 and from which the Nation has benefited immeas-
4 urably.

5 (11) Rosa Parks has become a living icon for
6 freedom in America.

7 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

8 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
9 authorized to award to Rosa Parks, on behalf of the Con-
10 gress, a gold medal of appropriate design honoring Rosa
11 Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation.

12 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
13 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
14 Treasury (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall
15 strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and
16 inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

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

18 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
19 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
20 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,
21 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, includ-
22 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead
23 expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

1 **SEC. 4. STATUS AS NATIONAL MEDALS.**

2 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
3 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
4 States Code.

5 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.**—There is
7 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
8 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000
9 to pay for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

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

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