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# S. 1841

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 18, 2001

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “True American Heroes  
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

5 (a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—In recognition of  
6 the bravery and self-sacrifice of officers, emergency work-  
7 ers, and other employees of State and local government  
8 agencies, including the Port Authority of New York and  
9 New Jersey, and of the United States Government, who  
10 responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center in  
11 New York City, and perished in the tragic events of Sep-  
12 tember 11, 2001 (including those who are missing and  
13 presumed dead), the President is authorized to present,  
14 on behalf of Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design  
15 for each such officer, emergency worker, or employee to  
16 the next of kin or other representative of each such officer,  
17 emergency worker, or employee.

18 (b) **DESIGN AND STRIKING.**—For purposes of the  
19 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
20 of the Treasury shall strike gold medals with suitable em-  
21 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the  
22 Secretary to be emblematic of the valor and heroism of  
23 the men and women honored.

24 (c) **DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS.**—The Sec-  
25 retary of the Treasury shall determine the number of med-  
26 als to be presented under this section and the appropriate

1 recipients of the medals after consulting with appropriate  
2 representatives of Federal, State, and local officers and  
3 agencies and the Port Authority of New York and New  
4 Jersey.

5 (d) PRESENTMENT CEREMONY.—The President shall  
6 consult with the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
7 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the majority  
8 leader and the minority leader of the House of Represent-  
9 atives, and the majority leader and the minority leader of  
10 the Senate with regard to the ceremony for presenting the  
11 gold medals under subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATIVE GOLD MEDALS FOR DEPARTMENTS**  
13 **AND DUTY STATIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
15 shall strike duplicates in gold of the gold medals struck  
16 pursuant to section 2 for presentation to each of the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 (1) The Governor of the State of New York.

19 (2) The Mayor of the City of New York.

20 (3) The Commissioner of the New York Police  
21 Department, the Commissioner of the New York  
22 Fire Department, the head of emergency medical  
23 services for the City of New York, and the Chairman  
24 of the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of  
25 New York and New Jersey.

1           (4) Each precinct house, fire house, emergency  
2           response station, duty station, or other place of em-  
3           ployment to which each person referred to in section  
4           2(a) was assigned on September 11, 2001, for dis-  
5           play in each such place in a manner befitting the  
6           memory of such persons.

7           (b) DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Sec-  
8           retary of the Treasury shall determine the number of med-  
9           als to be presented under this section and the appropriate  
10          recipients of the medals after consulting with appropriate  
11          representatives of Federal, State, and local officers and  
12          agencies and the Port Authority of New York and New  
13          Jersey.

14       **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE BRONZE MEDALS.**

15          The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell  
16          duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant  
17          to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may  
18          prescribe, at a price of \$50 per medal.

19       **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

20          The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national  
21          medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United  
22          States Code.

23       **SEC. 6. PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

24          Amounts received from the sales of duplicate bronze  
25          medals under section 4 shall be deposited in a fund to

1 be used to erect a memorial for the fallen emergency re-  
2 sponders.

3 **SEC. 7. USE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT AT WEST POINT,**  
4 **NEW YORK.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that the medals authorized  
6 under this Act should—

7 (1) be designed, struck, and presented not more  
8 than 90 days after date of the enactment of this  
9 Act; and

10 (2) be struck at the United States Mint at West  
11 Point, New York, to the greatest extent possible.

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