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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 “Congressional Gold  
3 Medal Enhancement Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. REASONABLE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED FOR CON-**  
5 **GRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

6 Section 5111 of title 31, United States Code, is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
8 section:

9 “(e) CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL STANDARDS.—

10 “(1) MAXIMUM NUMBER.—Beginning on the  
11 date of the enactment of the Congressional Gold  
12 Medal Enhancement Act of 2005, the Secretary of  
13 the Treasury may strike not more than 2 congres-  
14 sional gold medals for presentation pursuant to an  
15 Act of the Congress in any calendar year.

16 “(2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-  
17 retary may strike congressional gold medals only in  
18 accordance with the following requirements:

19 “(A) RECIPIENTS.—Only an individual  
20 may be a recipient of a congressional gold  
21 medal.

22 “(B) TIMING.—No gold medal may be pre-  
23 sented posthumously on behalf of any individual  
24 except during the 20-year period beginning 5  
25 years after the death of the individual (unless  
26 the Act of Congress authorizing the striking of

1           such medal was enacted before the death of  
2           such individual)".

Passed the House of Representatives January 26,  
2005.

Attest:

*Clerk.*