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To award three congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police
and those who protect the U.S. Capitol.

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Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. BUCK, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CLOUD, and Mr. GAETZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To award three congressional gold medals to the United
States Capitol Police and those who protect the U.S. Capitol.

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:

5 (1) The United States Capitol Police (“Capitol
6 Police”) are essential to the protection of the U.S.

1 Capitol, and each person who works in or visits the
2 complex depends on them for their safety.

3 (2) In their dedication to provide this essential
4 safety to the U.S. Capitol, numerous Capitol Police
5 and other law enforcement have even paid with their
6 lives while in the line of duty.

7 (3) Those who have paid with their lives in the
8 line of duty include Sergeant Christopher S. Eney in
9 1984; Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John
10 M. Gibson in 1998; and Sergeant Clinton J. Holtz
11 in 2014.

12 (4) Most recently, we mourn the losses of Cap-
13 itol Police Officers Brian Sicknick and Howard
14 Liebengood, and Metropolitan Police Department
15 Officer Jeffrey Smith, who all passed in January
16 2021.

17 (5) The sacrifices made by each of these men
18 are never forgotten in the U.S. Congress and by the
19 many individuals who benefit from their service.

20 (6) The service and sacrifices of the Capitol Po-
21 lice should be recognized and honored.

22 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

23 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZATION.—The Speaker
24 of the House of Representatives and the President pro
25 tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrange-

1 ments for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of
2 three gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and
3 those who protect the U.S. Capitol.

4 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
5 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
6 Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
7 retary”) shall strike gold medals with the official emblem
8 of the United States Capitol Police.

9 (c) DISPOSITION OF MEDALS.—Following the award
10 of the gold medals under subsection (a):

11 (1) USCP HEADQUARTERS.—One gold medal
12 shall be given to the United States Capitol Police, so
13 that the medal may be displayed at the headquarters
14 of the United States Capitol Police and made avail-
15 able for research, as appropriate.

16 (2) DC METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
17 HEADQUARTERS.—One gold medal shall be given to
18 the Metropolitan Police Department of the District
19 of Columbia, so that the medal may be displayed at
20 the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Depart-
21 ment and made available for research, as appro-
22 priate.

23 (3) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—One gold medal shall
25 be given to the Smithsonian Institution, where

1 it shall be available for display as appropriate
2 and available for research.

3 (B) PLAQUE.—In displaying the gold
4 medal given under subparagraph (A), the
5 Smithsonian Institution shall display the medal
6 with a plaque that lists the other law enforce-
7 ment agencies that participate in protecting the
8 U.S. Capitol.

9 (C) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the
10 sense of the Congress that the Smithsonian In-
11 stitution should make the gold medal given
12 under subparagraph (A) available for display
13 elsewhere, particularly at appropriate locations
14 associated with the protection of the U.S. Cap-
15 itol.

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

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

22 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

23 It is the sense of the Congress that the United States
24 Mint should expedite production of the gold medals and
25 duplicate medals under this Act, so that the sacrifices of

1 fallen officers and their families, and the contributions of
2 other law enforcement agencies who answered the call of
3 duty, can be recognized and honored in a timely and ongoing manner.
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5 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

6 Medals struck pursuant to this Act are national medals
7 for the purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
8 States Code.

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