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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the women who contributed to the Home Front during World War II, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins

in commemoration of the women who contributed to the Home Front during World War II, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rosie the Riveter Com-
5 memorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) During World War II, more than six million
9 American women entered the workforce to fill the
10 vacancies left by men who had joined the Armed
11 Forces and support the Home Front. Millions of
12 women already working outside the home shifted to
13 employment in critical industries to support the war
14 effort.

15 (2) Women went to work or volunteer full-time
16 in factories, farms, shipyards, banks, and other in-
17 stitutions in support of the U.S. military overseas.
18 They worked with the United Service Organizations
19 and the American Red Cross, drove street cars, riv-
20 eted airplane parts, collected critical materials, rolled
21 bandages, and served on rationing boards.

22 (3) This women workforce met not only the
23 ever-growing demands for war materials, including

1 equipment, weaponry, ammunition, and military ra-
2 tions, but also the demand for support services in
3 schools, hospitals, and offices.

4 (4) Collectively, the American women who held
5 employment or volunteered in support of the war ef-
6 fort during World War II have been represented by
7 the iconic image of “Rosie the Riveter”.

8 (5) As riveters, welders, and other laborers, a
9 diverse women workforce played an integral part in
10 shipyards, aircraft factories, and other areas of the
11 defense industrial base.

12 (6) Women in the workforce faced the “double
13 burden” of responsibilities on the job and at home
14 as the primary caregivers and wage earners during
15 World War II.

16 (7) “Rosies” persevered often in the face of
17 harassment, discrimination, and prejudice to support
18 their country and families in a time of great need.
19 Despite equal pay regulations, women were regularly
20 paid 10 to 15 cents an hour lower than their male
21 counterparts even during wartime.

22 (8) Black, Latina, Indigenous, Asian American,
23 and Pacific Islander “Rosies” were subjected to rac-
24 ist discrimination, violence, and harassment at work,
25 at home, and in public. Women of color overcame

1 long-held policies of discrimination and racial seg-
2regation to make significant contributions to the war
3effort and labor market.

4 (9) Our “Rosies” are a testament to women’s
5empowerment and the invaluable contribution of
6women to the American war effort during World
7War II, inspiring future generations of women and
8girls.

9 (10) Americans have chosen to honor the
10women who contributed to the Home Front during
11World War II, including through the award of a
12Congressional Gold Medal and the annual celebra-
13tion of National Rosie the Riveter Day on March 21.

14 (11) The work, sacrifice, and dedication of our
15“Rosies” are worthy of national reflection and com-
16memoration.

17 (12) It is fitting and proper to recognize and
18preserve the history and legacy of American women
19who contributed to the Home Front during World
20War II for their patriotic commitment to their coun-
21try and perseverance in the face of adversity.

22 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

23 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration
24of the American women who contributed to the Home
25Front during World War II, the Secretary of the Treasury

1 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall
2 mint and issue the following coins:

3 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
4 coins, which shall—

5 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

6 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

7 (C) contain not less than 90 percent gold.

8 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
9 \$1 coins, which shall—

10 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

11 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

12 (C) contain not less than 90 percent silver.

13 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
14 than 750,000 half-dollar coins which shall—

15 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

16 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

17 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-

18 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title

19 31, United States Code.

20 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
21 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
22 title 31, United States Code.

23 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
24 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins

1 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
2 matic items.

3 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

4 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
6 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
7 legacy of the diverse women workforce who contrib-
8 uted to the Home Front during World War II.

9 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
10 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

11 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

12 (B) an inscription of the year “2028”; and

13 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
14 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
15 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

16 (b) SELECTION.—The designs of the coins minted
17 under this Act shall be—

18 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
19 with the Rosie the Riveter Trust and the Commis-
20 sion of Fine Arts; and

21 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
22 Committee.

23 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

24 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
25 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

1 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
2 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
3 period beginning on January 1, 2028.

4 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

5 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
6 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
7 of—

8 (1) the face value of the coins;

9 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with
10 respect to such coins; and

11 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
12 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
13 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

14 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
15 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
16 discount.

17 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
19 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
20 before the issuance of such coins.

21 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
22 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
23 sonable discount.

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
3 this Act shall include—

4 (1) a surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5
5 coins;

6 (2) a surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1
7 coins; and

8 (3) a surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half-dol-
9 lar coins.

10 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
11 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
12 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
13 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Rosie the
14 Riveter Trust to support the National Park Service in
15 maintaining and repairing the Rosie the Riveter WWII
16 Home Front National Historical Park, and for educational
17 and commemorative programs.

18 (c) AUDITS.—The Rosie the Riveter Trust shall be
19 subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of
20 title 31, United States Code, with regard to the amounts
21 received under subsection (b).

22 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
23 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
24 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
25 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
26 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-

1 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
2 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
3 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
4 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
5 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
6 this subsection.

7 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

8 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-
9 essary to ensure that—

10 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
11 will not result in any net cost to the United States
12 Government; and

13 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
14 shall be disbursed to any recipient designated in sec-
15 tion 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing
16 all of the coins authorized by this Act (including
17 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, winning de-
18 sign compensation, overhead expenses, marketing,
19 and shipping) is recovered by the United States
20 Treasury, consistent with sections 5112(m) and
21 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code.

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