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To award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Officer Brian D. Sicknick, for giving his life to protect the Capitol and the Members and staff of Congress on January 6, 2021.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 28, 2021

Mrs. Watson Coleman (for herself, Mr. Beyer, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Sewell, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Keating, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Correa, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Ms. Bonamici, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Ms. Jackson Lee, Mr. Defazio, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Pascrell, Ms. Sánchez, Ms. Lee of California, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Deutch, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Norton, Mr. Vicente Gonzalez of Texas, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Torres of California, Mr. Carl, Mr. Tonko, Mrs. Kirk-Patrick, Mr. Kim of New Jersey, Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Ms. Johnson of Texas, Mr. Thompson of California, Ms. Sherrill, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mr. Sires, Ms. Meng, and Mr. Levin of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Officer Brian D.
- 3 Sicknick Congressional Gold Medal Act".
- 4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 5 The Congress finds the following:
- 6 (1) The United States Capitol is the most rec-7 ognizable symbol of liberty and democracy through-8 out the world and those who guard the Capitol
- 9 guard our freedom.
- 10 (2) Officer Brian D. Sicknick sacrificed his life 11 to protect the lives of hundreds of staff and Mem-12 bers of Congress.
- (3) Officer Brian D. Sicknick was the youngestof three sons.
- (4) Officer Brian D. Sicknick graduated from
 high school in 1997 and joined the New Jersey Air
 National Guard the same year.
- 18 (5) Officer Brian D. Sicknick was deployed 19 overseas to Saudi Arabia in Operation Southern 20 Watch in 1999 and to Kyrgyzstan in support of the 21 war in Afghanistan.
- (6) Officer Brian D. Sicknick was honorablydischarged in 2003.
- (7) Officer Brian D. Sicknick joined the United
 States Capitol Police in 2008.

- 1 (8) Officer Brian D. Sicknick most recently 2 served in the United States Capitol Police's First 3 Responder's Unit.
- 4 (9) Officer Brian D. Sicknick responded to the 5 riots on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.
- 6 (10) Officer Brian D. Sicknick was injured 7 while physically engaging with rioters and ultimately 8 succumbed to his injuries on January 7, 2021.
- 9 (11) Officer Brian D. Sicknick was the fourth 10 United States Capitol Police officer in history to be 11 killed in the line of duty.

12 SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

- 13 (a) Presentation Authorized.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-14 15 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold 16 17 medal of appropriate design in commemoration of Officer Brian D. Sicknick, for giving his life to protect the Capitol 18 19 and the Members and staff of Congress on January 6, 20 2021.
- 21 (b) Design and Striking.—For the purposes of the 22 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary 23 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the "Sec-24 retary") shall strike the gold medal with suitable emblems,

- 1 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
- 2 retary.
- 3 (c) Transfer of Medal.—Following the award of
- 4 the gold medal under subsection (a), the gold medal shall
- 5 be given to Officer Brian D. Sicknick's parents, Charles
- 6 and Gladys Sicknick.

7 SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

- 8 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
- 9 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3
- 10 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
- 11 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
- 12 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
- 13 and the cost of the gold medal.

14 SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.

- 15 (a) National Medals.—The medals struck pursu-
- 16 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
- 17 51 of title 31, United States Code.
- 18 (b) Numismatic Items.—For purposes of section
- 19 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
- 20 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

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