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H. R. 3980

To provide for a circulating commemorative coin to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. FROST, and Mr. RANGEL) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “September 11, 2001
5 Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 COMMEMORATIVE COIN.**

7 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary of the Treasury
8 shall mint and issue a sufficient number of half-dollar
9 coins to circulate, commemorating the terrorist attacks on
10 the United States on September 11, 2001.

1 (b) STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.—Except as pro-
2 vided in section 3, the coins minted under this Act shall
3 have the composition and specifications provided for in
4 section 5112 of title 31, United States Code.

5 (c) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
6 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
7 title 31, United States Code.

8 (d) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For pur-
9 poses of section 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all
10 coins minted under this Act shall be considered to be nu-
11 mismatic items.

12 **SEC. 3. DESIGN OF COINS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
14 5112(d)(1) of title 31, United States Code, the obverse
15 of the coins minted under this Act shall depict the twin
16 towers of the World Trade Center prior to the attack of
17 September 11, 2001. The design on the reverse of the coin
18 shall depict a representation of the Pentagon prior to the
19 attack and a tribute to United flight 93 which crashed
20 in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001.

21 (b) DESIGN SELECTION.—The design for the coins
22 minted under this Act shall be selected by the Secretary
23 of the Treasury in consultation with the Citizens Com-
24 memorative Coin Advisory Committee and the Commission
25 on Fine Arts.

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

3 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;

4 (2) an inscription of the year “2001” as the
5 date of minting, notwithstanding the date the coin
6 is actually minted;

7 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
8 God We Trust”; “United States of America”; “E
9 Pluribus Unum”; and

10 (4) on the obverse of the coin, in close prox-
11 imity to the rendering of the World Trade Center
12 towers, the word “Freedom”.

13 **SEC. 4. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

14 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
15 Act shall be issued in circulation quality, and up to
16 750,000 may be minted as numismatic items, and shall
17 bear the “W” mint mark of the West Point, New York,
18 United States Mint, regardless of where produced, and
19 may be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

20 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Any or all facilities of the
21 United States Mint may be used to strike the coins minted
22 under this Act.

23 (c) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary
24 of the Treasury may issue coins minted under this Act
25 at the earliest opportunity.

1 (d) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No
2 coins may be minted under this Act after December 31,
3 2003.

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