

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# **S. 951**

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## **AN ACT**

To authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second

person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission's command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

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 “New Frontier Congres-  
 5       sional Gold Medal Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds that—

8               (1) as spacecraft commander for Apollo 11, the  
 9       first manned lunar landing mission, Neil A. Arm-  
 10       strong gained the distinction of being the first man  
 11       to land a craft on the moon and first to step on its  
 12       surface on July 21, 1969;

13              (2) by conquering the moon at great personal  
 14       risk to safety, Neil Armstrong advanced America sci-  
 15       entifically and technologically, paving the way for fu-  
 16       ture missions to other regions in space;

17              (3) Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., joined Arm-  
 18       strong in piloting the lunar module, Eagle, to the  
 19       surface of the moon, and became the second person  
 20       to walk upon its surface;

21              (4) Michael Collins piloted the command mod-  
 22       ule, Columbia, in lunar orbit and helped his fellow

1 Apollo 11 astronauts complete their mission on the  
2 moon;

3 (5) John Herschel Glenn, Jr., helped pave the  
4 way for the first lunar landing when on February  
5 20, 1962, he became the first American to orbit the  
6 Earth; and

7 (6) John Glenn's actions, like Armstrong's,  
8 Aldrin's and Collins's, continue to greatly inspire the  
9 people of the United States.

10 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

11 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is  
12 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Neil  
13 A. Armstrong, Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., Michael Col-  
14 lins, and John Herschel Glenn, Jr., each a gold medal of  
15 appropriate design, in recognition of their significant con-  
16 tributions to society.

17 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the  
18 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
19 of the Treasury shall strike gold medals with suitable em-  
20 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the  
21 Secretary.

22 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

23 The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell  
24 duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant  
25 to section 3 under such regulations as the Secretary may

1 prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof,  
2 including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and  
3 overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medals.

4 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

8 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**  
9 **SALE.**

10 (a) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.**—There is  
11 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint  
12 Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as may be nec-  
13 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant  
14 to this Act.

15 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the  
16 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section  
17 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public  
18 Enterprise Fund.

Passed the Senate July 20, 2009.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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