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# S. 889

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5, 2011

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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## A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day.

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 “Mother’s Day Centen-  
5 nial Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1           (1) Anna Jarvis, who is considered to be the  
2 founder of the modern Mother's Day, was born in  
3 Webster, West Virginia, on May 1, 1864.

4           (2) A resident of Grafton, West Virginia, Anna  
5 Jarvis dedicated much of her adult life to honoring  
6 her mother, Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis, who passed  
7 on May 9, 1905.

8           (3) In 1908, the Andrews Methodist Episcopal  
9 Church of Grafton, West Virginia, officially pro-  
10 claimed the third anniversary of Ann Maria Reeves  
11 Jarvis' death to be Mother's Day.

12           (4) In 1910, West Virginia Governor, William  
13 Glasscock, issued the first Mother's Day Proclama-  
14 tion encouraging all West Virginians to attend  
15 church and wear white carnations.

16           (5) On May 8, 1914, the Sixty-Third Congress  
17 approved H.J. Res. 263, designating the second  
18 Sunday in May to be observed as Mother's Day, and  
19 encouraging all Americans to display the American  
20 flag at their homes as a public expression of the love  
21 and reverence for the mothers of our Nation.

22           (6) On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wil-  
23 son issued a Presidential Proclamation directing  
24 government officials to display the American flag on  
25 all government buildings and inviting the American

1 people to display the flag at their homes on the sec-  
2 ond Sunday of May as a public expression of the  
3 love and reverence for the mothers of our Nation.

4 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

5 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
6 ury (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
7 shall mint and issue not more than 400,000 \$1 coins, each  
8 of which shall—

9 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

10 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

11 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent  
12 copper.

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

16 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
17 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted  
18 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

19 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

20 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The design of the  
21 coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
22 100th anniversary of President Wilson’s proclamation des-  
23 ignating the second Sunday in May as Mother’s Day.

24 (b) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin  
25 minted under this Act, there shall be—

- 1 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;
- 2 (2) an inscription of the year “2014”; and
- 3 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In  
4 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and  
5 “E Pluribus Unum”.

6 (c) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
7 under this Act shall be—

- 8 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
9 with the Commission of Fine Arts; and
- 10 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
11 Committee established under section 5135 of title  
12 31, United States Code.

13 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

16 (b) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary  
17 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning on Janu-  
18 ary 1, 2014, except that the Secretary may initiate sales  
19 of such coins before such date.

20 (c) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No  
21 coins shall be minted under this Act after December 31,  
22 2014.

23 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

24 (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
25 sion of law, the coins minted under this Act shall be sold

1 by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the face  
2 value of the coins, the surcharge required under section  
3 7(a) for the coins, and the cost of designing and issuing  
4 such coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machin-  
5 ery, overhead expenses, and marketing).

6 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
7 sales of the coins minted under this Act at a reasonable  
8 discount.

9 (c) PREPAID ORDERS AT A DISCOUNT.—

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

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

16 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

17 (a) SURCHARGE REQUIRED.—All sales of coins mint-  
18 ed under this Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per  
19 coin.

20 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
21 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which are re-  
22 ceived by the Secretary from the sale of coins minted  
23 under this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary  
24 as follows:

1           (1) ½ to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, for  
2           the purpose of furthering research funded by the or-  
3           ganization.

4           (2) ½ to the National Osteoporosis Founda-  
5           tion, for the purpose of furthering research funded  
6           by the Foundation.

7           (c) AUDITS.—The Susan G. Komen for the Cure and  
8           the National Osteoporosis Foundation shall be subject to  
9           the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31,  
10          United States Code, with regard to the amounts received  
11          by the respective organizations under subsection (b).

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