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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Women’s Hall of Fame.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “National Women’s Hall
5 of Fame Commemorative Coin Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In 1969, the National Women’s Hall of
9 Fame was established in Seneca Falls, New York,
10 the location of the first Women’s Rights Convention

1 in 1848. A total of 276 women have been inducted
 2 represented well by the first class that included Jane
 3 Addams, Marian Anderson, Susan B. Anthony,
 4 Clara Barton, Mary MacLeod Bethune, Elizabeth
 5 Blackwell, Pearl S. Buck, Rachel Carson, Mary
 6 Cassatt, Emily Dickinson, Amelia Earhart, Alice
 7 Hamilton, Helen Hayes, Helen Keller, Eleanor Roo-
 8 sevelt, Florence Sabin, Margaret Chase Smith, Eliz-
 9 abeth Cady Stanton, Helen Brooke Taussig, and
 10 Harriet Tubman.

11 (2) The National Women's Hall of Fame is the
 12 Nation's oldest membership organization dedicated
 13 to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of
 14 great American women.

15 (3) The involvement of women in the Nation's
 16 history is inadequately chronicled, commemorated,
 17 and celebrated as reflected in the following:

18 (A) Fewer than 5 percent of the 2,596 na-
 19 tional historic landmarks chronicle women's
 20 achievements.

21 (B) Only 9 of the 112 statues in the Cap-
 22 itol's Statuary Hall are of women.

23 (C) The National Park Service notes that
 24 only 3 of the 130 national monuments in the

1 United States are dedicated to historic female
2 figures.

3 (D) Of the 5,575 outdoor sculpture por-
4 traits of historical figures in the United States,
5 559 portray women according to the Smithso-
6 nian American Art Museum's online inventories
7 catalog.

8 (E) 6 of the 89 National Historic Sites
9 commemorate women.

10 (F) Only 219 United States Postal Stamps
11 were issued to commemorate women.

12 (4) The National Women's Hall of Fame will
13 complete rehabilitation of its new home at the
14 former Seneca Falls Knitting Mill, which is a his-
15 toric building included in the National Historic Reg-
16 istry. The new building has over 20,000 square feet
17 available for artifacts to ensure that women's history
18 and women's contribution to American history will
19 be preserved and recounted for future generations.

20 (5) The National Women's Hall of Fame plans
21 to design an educational program utilizing video con-
22 ference technology with students and teachers par-
23 ticipating in interactive lessons led by educators
24 from the National Women's Hall of Fame. This pro-
25 gram will provide important lessons on the impact

1 that women have had on mathematics, geography,
 2 education, sciences, medicine, military, government,
 3 civil rights, economics, industrial technology, arts,
 4 and communication.

5 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

6 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration
 7 of the National Women’s Hall of Fame, the Secretary of
 8 the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
 9 retary”) shall mint and issue the following coins:

10 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
 11 coins, which shall—

12 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

13 (B) be struck on a planchet having diame-
 14 ter of 0.850 inches; and

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

16 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
 17 \$1 coins, which shall—

18 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

19 (B) be struck on a planchet having a di-
 20 ameter of 1.500 inches; and

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

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

24 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

1 (B) be struck on a planchet having a di-
 2 ameter of 1.205 inches; and

3 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
 4 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
 5 31, United States Code.

6 (4) PROOF SILVER \$1 COINS.—Not more than
 7 100,000 proof \$1 silver coins which shall—

8 (A) weigh 5 ounces;

9 (B) be struck on a planchet having a di-
 10 ameter of 3 inches; and

11 (C) contain .999 fine silver.

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

15 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
 16 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
 17 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
 18 matic items.

19 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
 20 gress that, to the extent possible without significantly add-
 21 ing to the purchase price of the coins, the coins minted
 22 under this Act should be produced in a fashion that pro-
 23 vides a more dramatic display of the obverse design.

24 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

25 (a) DESIGNS REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
 2 minted under this section shall be emblematic of the
 3 impact that women have had on mathematics, geog-
 4 raphy, education, sciences, medicine, military, gov-
 5 ernment, civil rights, economics, industrial tech-
 6 nology, arts, and communication.

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

9 (A) a designation of the denomination of
 10 the coin;

11 (B) an inscription of the year “2023”; and

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

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

17 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
 18 with—

19 (A) the National Women’s Hall of Fame;
 20 and

21 (B) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

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

1 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

4 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
5 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
6 period beginning on January 1, 2023.

7 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

11 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

14 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
15 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
16 winning design compensation, overhead expenses,
17 marketing, and shipping).

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

21 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

4 (d) MARKETING AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.—
 5 The Secretary shall develop and execute a marketing, pro-
 6 motion, and educational program to promote the collecting
 7 of the coins authorized under this Act.

8 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
 10 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

11 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

12 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin
 13 described under section 3(a)(2).

14 (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half-dol-
 15 lar coin.

16 (4) A surcharge of \$50 per coin for the \$1 coin
 17 described under section 3(a)(4)

18 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
 19 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
 20 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
 21 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the National
 22 Women’s Hall of Fame Foundation to establish an endow-
 23 ment fund that will provide long-term financing for the
 24 National Women’s Hall of Fame’s operations.

1 (c) AUDITS.—The National Women’s Hall of Fame
 2 Foundation shall be subject to the audit requirements of
 3 section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with
 4 regard to the amounts received under subsection (b).

5 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
 6 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
 7 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
 8 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
 9 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
 10 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual com-
 11 memorative coin program issuance limitation under sec-
 12 tion 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in ef-
 13 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
 14 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
 15 this subsection.

16 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

19 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
 20 will not result in any net cost to the United States
 21 Government; and

22 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
 23 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section
 24 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing all of
 25 the coins authorized by this Act (including labor,

1 materials, dies, use of machinery, winning design
2 compensation, overhead expenses, marketing, and
3 shipping) is recovered by the United States Treas-
4 ury, consistent with sections 5112(m) and 5134(f) of
5 title 31, United States Code.

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