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To award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to former President
Jimmy Carter in recognition of his service to the Nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. NORCROSS, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. JACK, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. CLEAVER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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former President Jimmy Carter in recognition of his
service to the Nation.

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 “President Jimmy Car-
5 ter Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) President Jimmy Carter served as the 39th
2 President of the United States from 1977 to 1981.

3 (2) President Jimmy Carter, whose full name is
4 James Earl Carter, Jr., was born on October 1,
5 1924, in Plains, Georgia, a small farming town.

6 (3) President Carter graduated from the United
7 States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland in
8 1946 and actively served as a submarine officer for
9 7 years. He served in the Navy Reserve for another
10 8 years, separating from the Navy with the rank of
11 Lieutenant in 1961.

12 (4) President Carter married his wife and life
13 partner of 77 years, Rosalynn Smith, on July 7th,
14 1946, in Plains, Georgia.

15 (5) President Carter entered state politics in
16 1962 and was elected to the Georgia State Senate
17 from the 14th District in 1963. He was sworn in as
18 the 76th governor of Georgia in 1971. During his
19 tenure, he emphasized government efficiency and re-
20 moving racial discrimination.

21 (6) Guided by his moral values and deep reli-
22 gious faith, Jimmy Carter's presidency was charac-
23 terized by a commitment to championing civil and
24 human rights around the world. His foreign policy
25 accomplishments include the Panama Canal treaties,

1 the Camp David Accords, the normalization and
2 treaty of peace between Egypt and Israel following
3 the Fourth Arab-Israeli War, the SALT II nuclear
4 limitation treaty with the Soviet Union, and the es-
5 tablishment of United States diplomatic relations
6 with the People's Republic of China.

7 (7) President Jimmy Carter's domestic legacy
8 includes the Alaska National Interest Lands Con-
9 servation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), one of the
10 most significant pieces of environmental legislation
11 ever approved by Congress; the Nation's first na-
12 tional energy policy; and the creation of the Depart-
13 ments of Education and Energy.

14 (8) After his presidency, he founded the Carter
15 Center along with his wife Rosalynn, which is dedi-
16 cated to conflict resolution, supervising democratic
17 elections abroad, and combating neglected tropical
18 diseases.

19 (9) Through their work with the Carter Center,
20 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter are credited with the
21 near eradication of the painful parasitic infection
22 known as Guinea worm disease, reducing cases from
23 an estimated total of 3,500,000 in 1986 to just 14
24 in 2023.

1 (10) Through a partnership with Habitat for
2 Humanity known as the Carter Work Project,
3 Jimmy and his wife Rosalynn led and worked along-
4 side over 100,000 volunteers across 14 countries to
5 build, improve, and repair over 4,400 homes.

6 (11) In 2002, Jimmy Carter became the third
7 American President to win the Nobel Peace Prize
8 for his “decades of untiring effort to find peaceful
9 solutions to international conflicts, to advance de-
10 mocracy and human rights, and to promote eco-
11 nomic and social development”.

12 (12) President Carter exemplifies American vol-
13 untarism through his countless service activities in
14 his home State of Georgia, throughout the United
15 States, and across the world.

16 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

17 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
18 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
19 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
20 for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of Congress,
21 of a single gold medal of appropriate design to former
22 President Jimmy Carter in recognition of his service to
23 the Nation.

24 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
25 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary

1 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
2 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
3 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
4 retary. The design shall bear an image of, and inscription
5 of the name of Jimmy Carter.

6 (c) DISPOSITION OF MEDAL.—Following the award
7 of the medal under subsection (a), the gold medal shall
8 be given to the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

9 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

10 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
11 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 3, at a price
12 sufficient to cover the costs thereof, including labor, mate-
13 rials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

14 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

15 (a) NATIONAL MEDAL.—Medals struck pursuant to
16 this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51
17 of title 31, United States Code.

18 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
19 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
20 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
21 items.

22 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
23 **SALE.**

24 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
25 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint

1 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
2 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck under
3 this Act.

4 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
5 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
6 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
7 Enterprise Fund.

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