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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the life and legacy of Rosa Parks.

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A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the life and legacy of Rosa Parks.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Rosa Parks Commemo-
3 rative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Rosa Parks, widely celebrated as the
7 “Mother of the Civil Rights Movement”, became an
8 iconic figure when she refused to give up her seat
9 on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, on
10 December 1, 1955, igniting a pivotal movement that
11 challenged racial segregation and forever altered the
12 course of American history.

13 (2) Born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee,
14 Alabama, to Leona McCauley, a teacher, and James
15 McCauley, a carpenter, Parks grew up in the seg-
16 regated South, experiencing firsthand the harsh re-
17 alities of racial injustice.

18 (3) Despite the profound challenges of racial in-
19 equality, Parks attended segregated schools in Ala-
20 bama, graduating high school in 1933, where her
21 education and experiences fueled her lifelong com-
22 mitment to activism.

23 (4) In 1943, Parks became deeply involved with
24 the National Association for the Advancement of
25 Colored People, where she served as Secretary and
26 Youth Leader, investigating cases of racial violence

1 such as the rape of Recy Taylor and the lynching of
2 Emmett Till.

3 (5) On December 1, 1955, Parks was arrested
4 for refusing to give up her seat to a White man on
5 a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, an act
6 that led to the historic 381-day Montgomery Bus
7 Boycott by more than 40,000 riders.

8 (6) The boycott sparked a legal challenge to
9 Montgomery's bus segregation laws, which cul-
10 minated in the Supreme Court's landmark decision
11 in Browder v. Gayle declaring bus segregation un-
12 constitutional on November 13, 1956.

13 (7) Following the boycott, Parks faced signifi-
14 cant personal and economic hardships, including the
15 loss of her job and ongoing threats to her life, yet
16 her determination to fight for justice remained
17 steadfast.

18 (8) In 1957, Parks moved to Detroit, Michigan,
19 where she continued her work as an advocate for ra-
20 cial equality, focusing on economic justice, political
21 participation, and racial integration.

22 (9) Parks became a global symbol of resistance
23 to racial segregation and injustice, and her act of
24 defiance inspired civil rights movements around the
25 world.

1 (10) Throughout her life, Parks remained com-
2 mitted to civil rights activism, participating in
3 marches and speaking engagements, as well as men-
4 toring younger generations of activists, furthering
5 her legacy of leadership in the struggle for racial
6 equality.

7 (11) Parks passed away on October 24, 2005,
8 at the age of 92, leaving an enduring legacy of cour-
9 age, resilience, and leadership that continues to in-
10 spire social justice and equality advocates across the
11 globe.

12 (12) In recognition of her profound impact,
13 Parks became the first woman and second African
14 American to lie in honor in the United States Cap-
15 itol Rotunda.

16 (13) In 1996, President Bill Clinton awarded
17 Parks the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the high-
18 est civilian honor bestowed by the President of the
19 United States.

20 (14) In 1999, Parks received the Congressional
21 Gold Medal, the highest expression of national ap-
22 preciation for distinguished achievements and con-
23 tributions bestowed by the United States Congress.

24 (15) Parks' legacy is commemorated through
25 numerous schools, streets, transit stations, and

1 monuments named in her honor, ensuring that her
2 contributions to American history are remembered
3 and celebrated.

4 (16) In 2006, Ohio became the first state to
5 designate December 1, the day of Parks’ arrest, as
6 Rosa Parks Day, garnering unanimous support from
7 the state legislature and being signed into law by
8 Governor Bob Taft.

9 (17) Rosa Parks Day is also celebrated in the
10 states of California, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mis-
11 souri, and New York on her birthday, February 4,
12 and in Alabama, Oregon, Tennessee, and Texas on
13 December 1.

14 (18) It is fitting and proper to recognize and
15 preserve the achievements and impact of Rosa
16 Parks, whose personal sacrifice, unwavering resist-
17 ance, and inspirational advocacy were essential to
18 the success of the Civil Rights Movement, and whose
19 legacy continues to serve as a beacon of hope and
20 inspiration for future generations.

21 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

22 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration
23 of Rosa Parks, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter
24 in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and
25 issue the following coins:

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

3 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

4 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

5 (C) contain at least 90 percent gold.

6 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
7 \$1 coins, which shall—

8 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

9 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

10 (C) contain at least 90 percent silver.

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

13 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

14 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

15 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
16 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
17 31, United States Code.

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

21 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
22 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
23 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
24 matic items.

1 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

2 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
4 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
5 legacy of Rosa Parks as a leader of the Civil Rights
6 Movement. At least one obverse design shall bear the
7 name and likeness of Rosa Parks.

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

10 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

11 (B) an inscription of the year “2029”; 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 for the coins minted
16 under this Act shall be—

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

19 (A) the Rosa and Raymond Parks Insti-
20 tute for Self Development; and

21 (B) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

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

24 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

1 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
2 issue coins minted under this Act only during the calendar
3 year beginning on January 1, 2029.

4 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

8 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

11 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
12 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
13 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

17 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
19 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
20 before the issuance of the coins.

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

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

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

6 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1
7 coins.

8 (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half-dol-
9 lar coins.

10 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f)(1) of
11 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
12 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
13 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Rosa and
14 Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, for the
15 purpose of accomplishing and advancing its mission to
16 carry on the work of Rosa Parks in youth development
17 and civil rights education and advocacy.

18 (c) AUDITS.—The Rosa and Raymond Parks Insti-
19 tute for Self Development shall be subject to the audit
20 requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United
21 States Code, with regard to the amounts received under
22 subsection (b).

23 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
24 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
25 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
26 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin

1 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
2 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
3 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
4 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code. The
5 Secretary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

6 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

9 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
10 will not result in any net cost to the United States
11 Government; and

12 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
13 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section
14 7(b) until the total cost of designing and issuing all
15 of the coins authorized by this Act (including labor,
16 materials, dies, use of machinery, winning design
17 compensation, overhead expenses, marketing, and
18 shipping) is recovered by the United States Treas-
19 ury, consistent with sections 5112(m) and 5134(f) of
20 title 31, United States Code.

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