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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SNYDER (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BERRY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. ROSS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GINGREY, and Mr. HULSHOF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Little Rock Central
5 High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemo-
6 rative Coin Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) September 2007, marks the 50th anniver-
4 sary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central
5 High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

6 (2) In 1957, Little Rock Central High was the
7 site of the first major national test for the imple-
8 mentation of the historic decision of the United
9 States Supreme Court in *Brown, et al. v. Board of*
10 *Education of Topeka, et al.*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954).

11 (3) The courage of the “Little Rock Nine” (Er-
12 nest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Melba Pattilo, Jef-
13 ferson Thomas, Carlotta Walls, Terrence Roberts,
14 Gloria Ray, Thelma Mothershed and Minnie Jean
15 Brown) who stood in the face of violence, was influ-
16 ential to the Civil Rights movement and changed
17 American history by providing an example on which
18 to build greater equality.

19 (4) The desegregation of Little Rock Central
20 High by the 9 African American students was recog-
21 nized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as such a sig-
22 nificant event in the struggle for civil rights that in
23 May 1958, he attended the graduation of the first
24 African American from Little Rock Central High
25 School.

1 (5) A commemorative coin will bring national
2 and international attention to the lasting legacy of
3 this important event.

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 500,000 \$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 desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School and
23 its contribution to civil rights in America.

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 “2007”; 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 January
18 1, 2007, except that the Secretary may initiate sales of
19 such coins, without issuance, before such date.

20 (c) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No
21 coins shall be minted under this Act after December 31,
22 2007.

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

24 (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
25 sion of law, the coins issued 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 issued 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 shall include
18 a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

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

24 (1) the Jefferson National Parks Association
25 for the purpose of providing support for programs

1 and other developmental activities at the Little Rock
2 Central High National Historic Site and support for
3 the ongoing mission of the Little Rock Central High
4 National Historic Site; and

5 (2) the Secretary of the Interior for site im-
6 provements at the Little Rock Central High Na-
7 tional Historic Site, including the establishment of
8 cooperative agreements to preserve and restore the
9 historic character of the vicinity in the historic site's
10 boundaries.

11 (c) AUDITS.—The Jefferson National Parks Associa-
12 tion shall be subject to the audit requirements of section
13 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code.

14 (d) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS.—The surcharges pro-
15 vided to the Secretary of the Interior under this section
16 are intended by the Congress to supplement amounts pro-
17 vided to such Secretary in appropriation Acts for the Lit-
18 tle Rock Central High National Historic Site and are not
19 intended to be a substitute for such appropriated amounts.

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