

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4040

AN ACT

To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

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. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) Jack Nicklaus is a world famous golf pro-
4 fessional, a highly successful business executive, a
5 prominent advertising spokesman, a devoted hus-
6 band, father, and grandfather, and a man with a
7 common touch that has made him one of those most
8 popular and accessible public figures in history.

9 (2) Jack Nicklaus amassed 118 victories in pro-
10 fessional competition of national or international
11 stature by the end of 2005, 73 of which came on the
12 Professional Golf Association Tour, and 18 profes-
13 sional major-championship titles. He is the only
14 player in golf history to have won each major cham-
15 pionship at least three times and is the only player
16 to complete a career “Grand Slam” on the regular
17 and senior tours.

18 (3) Jack Nicklaus’ magnetic personality and
19 unflinching sense of kindness and thoughtfulness have
20 endeared him to millions throughout the world.

21 (4) Jack Nicklaus has been the recipient of
22 countless athletic honors, including the Muhammad
23 Ali Sports Legend Award and the first-ever ESPY
24 Lifetime Achievement Award. He became the first
25 golfer and only the third athlete to receive the Vince
26 Lombardi Award of Excellence and is also a five-

1 time winner of the PGA Player of the Year Award.
2 He was also selected as Golfer of the Century by
3 GOLF Magazine, Best Individual Male Athlete of
4 the 20th Century and Sportsman of the Year by
5 Sports Illustrated, and he was also inducted into the
6 World Golf Hall of Fame.

7 (5) Jack Nicklaus has received numerous hon-
8 ors outside the world of sports, including several ar-
9 chitectural awards for his work in golf course de-
10 signs, such as The Old Tom Morris Award which is
11 the highest honor given by the Golf Course Super-
12 intendants Association of America, and both the
13 Donald Ross Award given by the American Society
14 of Golf Course Architects and the Don A. Rossi
15 Award given by the Golf Course Builders Association
16 of America.

17 (6) Jack Nicklaus has been involved in the de-
18 sign of 275 golf courses worldwide and his business,
19 Nicklaus Design, has 346 courses open for play
20 globally.

21 (7) Jack Nicklaus served as the Global Amba-
22 sador for a campaign to include golf in the Olympic
23 Games, which was achieved and will begin in the
24 2016 Olympic Program.

1 (8) Jack Nicklaus was honored by President
2 George W. Bush in 2005 by receiving the Presi-
3 dential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given
4 to any U.S. civilian.

5 (9) Jack Nicklaus has a long standing commit-
6 ment to numerous charitable events such as sup-
7 porting the Nicklaus Children’s Health Care Foun-
8 dation, which provides pediatric health care services
9 in a five county area including Palm Beach County,
10 Florida, has assisted in raising over \$12 million in
11 just five years for the cause, and continues to sup-
12 port several scholarship foundations, other children’s
13 hospitals, and junior golf initiatives.

14 (10) Jack Nicklaus continues to manage The
15 Memorial Tournament in his home state of Ohio, in
16 which contributions generated through the support
17 of over 2,600 volunteers are given to Nationwide
18 Children’s Hospital fund. This has garnered more
19 than \$5.7 million for programs and services at this
20 hospital since 1976, so that Central Ohio will con-
21 tinue to have one of the best children’s hospitals in
22 the United States.

23 (11) Jack Nicklaus and his wife serve as hon-
24 orary chairman and active chairwoman of the
25 Nicklaus Children’s Health Care Foundation in

1 North Palm Beach, Florida, which provides free of
2 charge health assistance and services to more than
3 4,000 children and their families through Child Life
4 programs (support therapeutic interventions for chil-
5 dren with chronic and acute conditions during hos-
6 pitalization), Miami Children’s Hospital Nicklaus
7 Care Centers (to offer a new option to Palm Beach
8 County area families with children who require pedi-
9 atric specialty care), and Safe Kids program (aimed
10 at keeping children injury free and offer safety edu-
11 cation in an effort to decrease accidental injuries in
12 children).

13 (12) Jack Nicklaus established an annual pro-
14 am golf tournament called “The Jake” to honor his
15 17-month-old grandson who passed in 2005, and it
16 serves as a primary fundraiser for the Nicklaus Chil-
17 dren’s Health Care Foundation, which has raised
18 over \$3 million over the last several years.

19 (13) Jack Nicklaus and General John
20 Shalikashvili (ret.) serve as honorary chairs of the
21 American Lake Veterans Golf Course in Tacoma,
22 Washington, which is designed for the rehabilitation
23 of wounded and disabled veterans. Nicklaus has do-
24 nated his design services for the improvement of the
25 course, and raised contributions for the addition of

1 nine new holes, the construction of the Rehabilita-
2 tion and Learning Center, and for the upgrade of
3 the maintenance facilities through a two-day event
4 in Palm Desert, CA, called the “Nicklaus Nine”.

5 (14) Jack Nicklaus serves as a spokesperson
6 and Trustee for The First Tee program which
7 brings the game of golf to children who would not
8 otherwise be exposed to it.

9 (15) Jack Nicklaus remains active in tour-
10 nament golf, although he retired from competition in
11 the major championships in 2005, when he played
12 his final British Open, his final Masters Tour-
13 nament, and led the United States to a thrilling vic-
14 tory in the Presidents Cup.

15 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

16 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Sen-
18 ate shall make appropriate arrangements for the presen-
19 tation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold medal of ap-
20 propriate design to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his
21 service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good
22 sportsmanship.

23 (b) **DESIGN AND STRIKING.**—For the purpose of the
24 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
25 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-

1 blem, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
2 Secretary.

3 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

4 Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treas-
5 ury may prescribe, the Secretary may strike duplicate
6 medals in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to
7 section 2 and sell such duplicate medals at a price suffi-
8 cient to cover the costs of the duplicate medals (including
9 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
10 penses) and the cost of the gold medal.

11 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

12 The medals struck under this Act are national medals
13 for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

14 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

15 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
16 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
17 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000
18 to pay for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

19 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the
20 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be

1 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
2 Fund.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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