

112TH CONGRESS
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AN ACT

To provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the memorials established at the 3 sites honoring the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

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 “Fallen Heroes of 9/
3 11 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the tragic deaths at the World Trade Cen-
7 ter, at the Pentagon, and in rural Pennsylvania on
8 September 11, 2001, have forever changed our Na-
9 tion;

10 (2) the officers, emergency workers, and other
11 employees of State and local government agencies,
12 including the Port Authority of New York and New
13 Jersey, and of the United States government and
14 others, who responded to the attacks on the World
15 Trade Center in New York City and perished as a
16 result of the tragic events of September 11, 2001
17 (including those who are missing and presumed
18 dead), took heroic and noble action on that day;

19 (3) the officers, emergency rescue workers, and
20 employees of local and United States government
21 agencies, who responded to the attack on the Pen-
22 tagon in Washington, DC, took heroic and noble ac-
23 tion to evacuate the premises and prevent further
24 casualties of Pentagon employees;

25 (4) the passengers and crew of United Airlines
26 Flight 93, recognizing the imminent danger that the

1 aircraft that they were aboard posed to large num-
 2 bers of innocent men, women and children, Amer-
 3 ican institutions, and the symbols of American de-
 4 mocracy, took heroic and noble action to ensure that
 5 the aircraft could not be used as a weapon; and

6 (5) given the unprecedented nature of the at-
 7 tacks against the United States of America and the
 8 need to properly demonstrate the support of the
 9 country for those who lost their lives to terrorism,
 10 it is fitting that their sacrifice be recognized with
 11 the award of an appropriate medal.

12 **SEC. 3. FALLEN HEROES OF 9/11 CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS.**

13 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
 14 authorized, on behalf of Congress, to award a medal of
 15 appropriate design, such medal to be known as the “Fallen
 16 Heroes of 9/11 Congressional Medal”, to—

17 (1) the Flight 93 National Memorial in Penn-
 18 sylvania;

19 (2) the National September 11 Memorial and
 20 Museum in New York; and

21 (3) the Pentagon Memorial at the Pentagon.

22 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of the presen-
 24 tations referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of
 25 the Treasury (in this Act referred to as the “Sec-

1 retary”) shall strike 3 designs of medals, with such
2 suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions as the
3 Secretary determines to be appropriate to be rep-
4 resentative of and in honor of, respectively—

5 (A) those who lost their lives in the attack
6 at the World Trade Center, including civilians,
7 public safety officers, emergency workers, and
8 the passengers and crew of American Airlines
9 Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175;

10 (B) the passengers and crew aboard
11 United Airlines Flight 93 that was brought
12 down in rural Pennsylvania near Shanksville,
13 Somerset County; and

14 (C) those who lost their lives at the Pen-
15 tagon, including the passengers and crew of
16 American Airlines Flight 77.

17 (2) CONSULTATION.—Before making a final de-
18 termination with respect to the design of the medals
19 under this subsection, the Secretary shall consult
20 with the Secretary of Defense and such other parties
21 as the Secretary may determine to be appropriate.

22 (3) CONTENT OF MEDALS.—The medals struck
23 for purposes of subsection (a) shall be gold medals.

1 **SEC. 4. SALES OF DUPLICATE MEDALS TO THE PUBLIC TO**
2 **DEFRAY COSTS.**

3 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
4 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
5 bronze of the medals struck under section 3, at a price
6 that is at least sufficient to cover the costs thereof, includ-
7 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead
8 expenses. Excess funds from the sales of the duplicate
9 medals will be distributed equally between the 3 memorial
10 sites referred to in section 3(a).

11 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

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Attest:

Secretary.

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