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# H. R. 3156

To present a congressional gold medal to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. GEPHARDT, Ms. WATERS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HALL of Ohio, and Mr. MCDERMOTT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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## A BILL

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Mandela.

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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds the following:

5               (1) Nelson Mandela has dedicated his entire life  
6       to the abolition of apartheid and the creation of a  
7       true democracy in the Republic of South Africa and  
8       has sacrificed his own personal freedom for the good  
9       of everyone.

1           (2) For nearly 30 years as a political prisoner,  
2 Nelson Mandela never compromised his political  
3 principles, was a source of strength and education  
4 for other political prisoners, and refused offers of  
5 freedom in exchange for a renunciation of his per-  
6 sonal and political beliefs.

7           (3) After his release from prison, Nelson  
8 Mandela continued to pursue his goal of a free  
9 South Africa, and was elected and subsequently in-  
10 augurated as State President of the Republic of  
11 South Africa on May 10, 1994, at the age of 75  
12 years.

13           (4) Nelson Mandela's dedication to freedom did  
14 not cease once the apartheid laws were lifted, as he  
15 then focused his efforts toward reconciliation by cre-  
16 ating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission,  
17 chaired by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

18           (5) Nelson Mandela is the recipient of many  
19 awards and accolades, including the Nobel Peace  
20 Prize (which he accepted with then-State President  
21 F.W. de Klerk in 1993), and more than 50 honorary  
22 degrees from universities around the world.

23           (6) Millions of individuals of all races and back-  
24 grounds in the United States and around the world  
25 followed Nelson Mandela's example and fought for

1 the abolition of apartheid in the Republic of South  
2 Africa and in this regard the Congress recognizes  
3 Amy Elizabeth Biehl, an American student who lost  
4 her life in the struggle to free South Africa from ra-  
5 cial oppression, and the spirit of forgiveness and rec-  
6 onciliation displayed by her parents, Peter and  
7 Linda Biehl.

8 (7) Nelson Mandela is a prime example of how  
9 to work to heal the wounds of racism.

10 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

11 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is  
12 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold  
13 medal of appropriate design to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela  
14 in recognition of his life-long dedication to the abolition  
15 of apartheid and the promotion of reconciliation among  
16 the people of the Republic of South Africa.

17 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the  
18 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
19 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the  
20 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-  
21 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the  
22 Secretary.

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

24 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-  
25 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in

1 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2 at a price  
2 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor,  
3 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

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

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

7 **SEC. 5. FUNDING AND PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

8       (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—There is hereby authorized to  
9 be charged against the United States Mint Public Enter-  
10 prise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay for  
11 the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

12       (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the  
13 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be  
14 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise  
15 Fund.

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