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To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world.

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# A BILL

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world.

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) Charles M. Schulz was born on November  
6            26, 1922, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of Carl  
7            and Dena Schulz.

8            (2) Charles M. Schulz served his country in  
9            World War II, working his way up from infantryman  
10           to staff sergeant and eventually leading a machine  
11           gun squad. He kept morale high by decorating fellow  
12           soldiers' letters home with cartoons of barracks life.

13           (3) After returning from the war, Charles M.  
14           Schulz returned to his love for illustration and took  
15           a job with "Timeless Topix". He also took a second  
16           job as an art instructor. Eventually his hard work  
17           paid off when the *Saturday Evening Post* began pur-  
18           chasing a number of his single comic panels.

19           (4) It was in his first weekly comic strip, "L'il  
20           Folks", that Charlie Brown was born. That comic

1 strip, which was eventually renamed “Peanuts”, be-  
2 came the sole focus of Charles M. Schulz’s career.

3 (5) Charles M. Schulz has drawn every frame  
4 of his strip, which runs seven days a week, since it  
5 was created in October 1950. This is rare dedication  
6 in the field of comic illustration.

7 (6) The “Peanuts” comic strip appears in  
8 2,600 newspapers around the world and reaches ap-  
9 proximately 335 million readers every day in 20 dif-  
10 ferent languages. Because of this, Charles M. Schulz  
11 is the most successful comic illustrator in the world.

12 (7) Charles M. Schulz’s television special, “A  
13 Charlie Brown Christmas”, has run for 34 consecu-  
14 tive years. In all, more than 60 animated specials  
15 have been created based on “Peanuts” characters.  
16 Four feature films, 1,400 books, and a hit Broadway  
17 musical about the “Peanuts” characters have also  
18 been produced.

19 (8) Charles M. Schulz is a leader in the field  
20 of comic illustration and in his community. He has  
21 paved the way for other artists in this field over the  
22 last 50 years and continues to be praised for his out-  
23 standing achievements.

24 (9) Charles M. Schulz has given back to his  
25 community in many ways, including owning and op-

1 erating Redwood Empire Ice Arena in Santa Rosa,  
2 California. The arena has become a favorite gath-  
3 ering spot for people of all ages. Charles M. Schulz  
4 finances a yearly ice show that draws crowds from  
5 all over the San Francisco Bay Area.

6 (10) Charles M. Schulz has given the Nation a  
7 unique sense of optimism, purpose, and pride.  
8 Whether through the Great Pumpkin Patch, the  
9 Kite Eating Tree, Luey’s Psychiatric Help Stand, or  
10 Snoopy’s adventures with the Red Baron, “Peanuts”  
11 has embodied human vulnerabilities, emotions, and  
12 potential.

13 (11) Charles M. Schulz’s lifetime of work has  
14 linked generations of Americans and has become a  
15 part of the fabric of our national culture.

16 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

17 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is  
18 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold  
19 medal of appropriate design to Charles M. Schulz in rec-  
20 ognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation  
21 and the world.

22 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the  
23 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
24 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the  
25 “Secretary”) 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 may pre-  
5 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
6 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2 at a price  
7 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor,  
8 materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, and  
9 the cost of the gold medal.

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

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

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

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

18 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the  
19 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be  
20 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise  
21 Fund.

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