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# H. R. 5258

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MYRICK (for herself and Mr. DOGGETT) 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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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 “Lance Armstrong Con-  
5        gressional Gold Medal Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The Tour de France bicycle race is among  
2 the most demanding of individual athletic events.

3           (2) In winning the 1999 and 2000 Tour de  
4 France after developing and recovering from cancer,  
5 Lance Armstrong made one of the most incredible  
6 comebacks in sports history.

7           (3) Lance Armstrong has demonstrated courage  
8 and perseverance to become the only cancer survivor  
9 to win the Tour de France.

10          (4) Lance Armstrong has dedicated his time  
11 and resources to fund research to cure cancer and  
12 established the Lance Armstrong Foundation so that  
13 his efforts to help others with cancer will outlive his  
14 cycling career.

15          (5) Lance Armstrong has honored the Nation  
16 with his courageous cycling performance and his  
17 commitment to fighting cancer through awareness,  
18 education, and research.

19 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

20          (a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—The President is  
21 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold  
22 medal of appropriate design to Lance Armstrong in rec-  
23 ognition of his outstanding performance as two-time win-  
24 ner of the Tour de France and his courageous spirit in  
25 overcoming cancer.

1 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the  
2 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
3 of the Treasury (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the  
4 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-  
5 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the  
6 Secretary.

7 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

8 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-  
9 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
10 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 3 at a price  
11 sufficient to cover the costs of the bronze medals (includ-  
12 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead  
13 expenses) and the cost of the gold medal.

14 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

17 **SEC. 6. FUNDING AND PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

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

22 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the  
23 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 4 shall be

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

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