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# S. 561

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 1999

Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds that—

5               (1) Yaffa Eliach is professor of history and lit-  
6       erature in the Department of Judaic Studies at  
7       Brooklyn College;

1           (2) Yaffa Eliach is a pioneer scholar in Holo-  
2           caust Studies and was among a small number of  
3           academics who introduced Holocaust Studies to col-  
4           leges and universities in the United States;

5           (3) Yaffa Eliach founded the first Center of  
6           Holocaust Studies in the United States and served  
7           as its director until 1991;

8           (4) Yaffa Eliach created the acclaimed “Tower  
9           of Life” at the United States Holocaust Memorial  
10          Museum in Washington, D.C.;

11          (5) Yaffa Eliach is a poet, historian, and play-  
12          wright dedicated to providing education about the  
13          Holocaust;

14          (6) Yaffa Eliach is an esteemed contributor to  
15          scholarly, literary, and popular publications and pro-  
16          grams in the United States, Canada, Israel, Europe,  
17          and Australia; and

18          (7) Yaffa Eliach has been recognized and hon-  
19          ored for her outstanding accomplishments by many  
20          governmental, academic, and other institutions  
21          around the world.

22 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

23          (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is  
24          authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold  
25          medal of appropriate design to Yaffa Eliach in recognition

1 of her outstanding and enduring contributions toward  
2 scholarship about the Holocaust.

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

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000 to carry out  
11 this section.

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

13 (a) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary may strike  
14 and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pur-  
15 suant to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary  
16 may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost there-  
17 of, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, over-  
18 head expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

19 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—The appropriation author-  
20 ized in section 2 shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds  
21 of sales under subsection (a).

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

2       The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national  
3 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United  
4 States Code.

