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109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 68

[Report No. 109–133, Part I]

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Mr. CULBERSON (for himself, Mr. DELAY, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

JUNE 15, 2005

Reported with an amendment and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means for a period ending not later than June 17, 2005, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(t), rule X

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

JUNE 17, 2005

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JUNE 17, 2005

Committee on Ways and Means discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 4, 2005]

A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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 “NASA and JPL 50th*
 5 *Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

7 *(a) DENOMINATIONS.—In commemoration of the 50th*
 8 *anniversary of the establishment of the National Aero-*
 9 *nautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion*
 10 *Laboratory, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this*

1 *Act referred to as the “Secretary) shall mint and issue the*
2 *following coins:*

3 (1) *\$50 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$50*
4 *gold coins which shall—*

5 (A) *weigh 33.931 grams;*

6 (B) *have a diameter of 32.7 millimeters;*

7 *and*

8 (C) *contain 1 troy ounce of fine gold.*

9 (2) *\$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000*
10 *\$1 coins of each of the 9 designs specified in section*
11 *3(a)(3)(B), which shall—*

12 (A) *weigh 26.73 grams;*

13 (B) *have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and*

14 (C) *contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-*
15 *cent copper.*

16 (b) *LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this Act*
17 *shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title*
18 *31, United States Code.*

19 (c) *NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section 5134*
20 *of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this*
21 *Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.*

22 **SEC. 3. DESIGN OF COINS.**

23 (a) *DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—*

24 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins mint-*
25 *ed under this Act shall be emblematic of the 50 years*

1 *of exemplary and unparalleled achievements of the*
2 *National Aeronautics and Space Administration and*
3 *the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.*

4 (2) *DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each*
5 *coin minted under this Act there shall be—*

6 (A) *a designation of the value of the coin;*

7 (B) *an inscription of the year “2008”; and*

8 (C) *inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In*
9 *God We Trust”, “United States of America”,*
10 *and “E Pluribus Unum”, and such other in-*
11 *scriptions as the Secretary may determine to be*
12 *appropriate for the designs of the coins.*

13 (3) *COIN IMAGES.—*

14 (A) *\$50 COINS.—*

15 (i) *OBVERSE.—The obverse of the \$50*
16 *coins issued under this Act shall bear an*
17 *image of the sun.*

18 (ii) *REVERSE.—The reverse of the \$50*
19 *coins issued under this Act shall bear a de-*
20 *sign emblematic of the sacrifice of the*
21 *United States astronauts who lost their lives*
22 *in the line of duty over the course of the*
23 *space program.*

24 (iii) *EDGE.—The edge of the \$50 coins*
25 *issued under this Act shall bear the names*

1 *and dates of the spacecraft missions on*
2 *which United States astronauts lost their*
3 *lives over the course of the space program.*

4 *(iv) HIGH RELIEF.—The design and*
5 *inscriptions on the obverse and reverse of*
6 *the \$50 coins issued under this Act shall be*
7 *in high relief.*

8 *(B) \$1 COINS.—*

9 *(i) OBVERSE.—The obverse of the \$1*
10 *coins issued under this Act shall bear 9 dif-*
11 *ferent designs each of which shall consist of*
12 *an image of 1 of the 9 planets of the solar*
13 *system, including Earth.*

14 *(ii) REVERSE.—*

15 *(I) 8 PLANETS OTHER THAN*
16 *EARTH.—The reverse of the \$1 coins*
17 *issued under this Act, other than the*
18 *\$1 coins which bear an image of the*
19 *Earth on the obverse, shall bear 8 dif-*
20 *ferent designs each of which shall be*
21 *emblematic of the discoveries and mis-*
22 *sions of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory*
23 *to the planet depicted on the obverse.*

24 *(II) EARTH COIN.—At least 1 of*
25 *the designs on the reverse of the \$1*

1 *coins issued under this Act which bear*
2 *an image of the Earth on the obverse*
3 *shall bear images emblematic of, and*
4 *honoring, the discoveries and missions*
5 *of the National Aeronautics and Space*
6 *Administration, the Mercury, Gemini*
7 *and Space Shuttle missions and other*
8 *manned Earth-orbiting missions, and*
9 *the Apollo missions to the Moon.*

10 *(iii) EDGE.—It is the sense of the Con-*
11 *gress that, to the extent practicable, the edge*
12 *of each \$1 coin should bear the names and*
13 *dates or range of dates of missions or mis-*
14 *sion types to the planet depicted on the re-*
15 *verse*

16 *(4) REALISTIC AND SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE*
17 *DEPICTIONS.—The images for the designs of coins*
18 *issued under this Act shall be selected on the basis of*
19 *the realism and scientific accuracy of the images and*
20 *on the extent to which the images are reminiscent of*
21 *the dramatic and beautiful artwork on coins of the so-*
22 *called “Golden Age of Coinage” in the United States,*
23 *at the beginning of the Twentieth Century, with the*
24 *participation of such noted sculptors and medallic*
25 *artists as James Earle Fraser, Augustus Saint-*

1 *Gaudens, Victor David Brenner, Adolph A. Weinman,*
2 *Charles E. Barber, and George T. Morgan.*

3 **(b) SELECTION.**—*The design for the coins minted*
4 *under this Act shall be—*

5 *(1) selected by the Secretary after consultation*
6 *with the Administrator of the National Aeronautics*
7 *and Space Administration, the Director of the Jet*
8 *Propulsion Laboratory, and the Commission of Fine*
9 *Arts; and*

10 *(2) reviewed by the Citizens Coin Advisory Com-*
11 *mittee.*

12 **SEC. 4. SYMBOLIC INCLUSION OF METALS THAT HAVE**
13 **FLOWN IN SPACE.**

14 **(a) COLLECTION.**—*Each Federal agency and instru-*
15 *mentality of the United States, including the Department*
16 *of Defense, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Aero-*
17 *nautics and Space Administration, and the Jet Propulsion*
18 *Laboratory, that has in its possession any craft, or any*
19 *part of a craft, that flew in space shall—*

20 *(1) retrieve such gold, silver, copper, and other*
21 *metals that the Director of the United States Mint de-*
22 *termines are appropriate for use in the production of*
23 *any coins under this Act, from such craft or part,*
24 *that can be retrieved without harming any such craft*
25 *or part that may be of continuing use for its original*

1 *purpose or for research, or whose preservation is ap-*
2 *propriate for historical purposes; and*

3 *(2) deposit such metals so retrieved with the Di-*
4 *rector of the United States Mint.*

5 *(b) USE OF METALS IN PRODUCTION OF COINS.—Any*
6 *metals deposited with the Director of the United States*
7 *Mint under subsection (a) shall be used in the production*
8 *of the coins struck under this Act by blending such metals*
9 *with other metal necessary for the production of such coins*
10 *so that all of the coins produced under this Act will contain*
11 *some proportion of the bullion obtained from craft or parts*
12 *of crafts that flew in space in an amount appropriate for*
13 *the types and denominations of the coins and the amount*
14 *of metals so deposited.*

15 *(c) RECORDKEEPING.—It is the sense of the Congress*
16 *that each Federal agency and instrumentality of the United*
17 *States which retrieves any metals in accordance with sub-*
18 *section (a) should maintain accurate and complete records*
19 *of the retrieval and deposit of any such metals sufficient*
20 *to allow the Director of the United States Mint to provide*
21 *certificates of authenticity with coins issued under this Act*
22 *that some proportion of the contents of such coins were ob-*
23 *tained from craft or parts of crafts that flew in space.*

1 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

2 (a) *QUALITY OF COINS.*—Coins minted under this Act
3 shall be issued in proof quality only.

4 (b) *MINT FACILITY.*—Only 1 facility of the United
5 States Mint may be used to strike any particular combina-
6 tion of denomination and quality of the coins minted under
7 this Act.

8 (c) *COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.*—The Secretary
9 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January
10 1, 2008.

11 (d) *TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.*—No coins
12 may be minted under this Act after December 31, 2008.

13 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

14 (a) *SALE PRICE.*—The coins issued under this Act
15 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
16 of—

17 (1) the face value of the coins;

18 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with
19 respect to such coins; and

20 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
21 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
22 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

23 (b) *PREPAID ORDERS.*—

24 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall accept
25 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act be-
26 fore the issuance of such coins.

1 (2) *DISCOUNT.*—*Sale prices with respect to pre-*
2 *paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a reason-*
3 *able discount.*

4 (c) *PRESENTATION.*—*In addition to the issuance of*
5 *coins under this Act in such other methods of presentation*
6 *as the Secretary of the Treasury determines to be appro-*
7 *priate, the Secretary shall provide, as a sale option, a pres-*
8 *entation case which displays the \$50 gold coin in the center*
9 *surrounded by the \$1 silver coins in an elliptical orbit.*

10 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

11 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*All sales of coins minted under this*
12 *Act shall include a surcharge as follows:*

13 (1) *A surcharge of \$50 per coin for the \$50 coin.*

14 (2) *A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.*

15 (b) *DISTRIBUTION.*—*Subject to section 5134(f) of title*
16 *31, United States Code, all surcharges received by the Sec-*
17 *retary from the sale of coins issued under this Act shall*
18 *be promptly paid by the Secretary to the NASA Family*
19 *Assistance Fund for the purposes of providing need-based*
20 *financial assistance to the families of NASA personnel who*
21 *die as a result of injuries suffered in the performance of*
22 *their official duties.*

23 (c) *AUDITS.*—*The NASA Family Assistance Fund*
24 *shall be subject to the audit requirements of section*

- 1 *5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard to*
- 2 *the amounts received under subsection (b).*

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