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To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. AUSTRIA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 Congress finds that—

5 (1) Jack Nicklaus is a world famous golf pro-
6 fessional, a highly successful business executive, a
7 prominent advertising spokesman, a devoted hus-
8 band, father, and grandfather, and a man with a

1 common touch that has made him one of those most
2 popular and accessible public figures in history.

3 (2) Jack Nicklaus amassed 118 victories in pro-
4 fessional competition of national or international
5 stature by the end of 2005, 73 of which came on the
6 Professional Golf Association Tour, and 18 profes-
7 sional major-championship titles. He is the only
8 player in golf history to have won each major cham-
9 pionship at least three times and is the only player
10 to complete a career “Grand Slam” on the regular
11 and senior tours.

12 (3) Jack Nicklaus’ magnetic personality and
13 unflinching sense of kindness and thoughtfulness have
14 endeared him to millions throughout the world.

15 (4) Jack Nicklaus has been the recipient of
16 countless athletic honors, including the Muhammad
17 Ali Sports Legend Award and the first-ever ESPY
18 Lifetime Achievement Award. He became the first
19 golfer and only the third athlete to receive the Vince
20 Lombardi Award of Excellence and is also a five-
21 time winner of the PGA Player of the Year Award.
22 He was also selected as Golfer of the Century by
23 GOLF Magazine, Best Individual Male Athlete of
24 the 20th Century and Sportsman of the Year by

1 Sports Illustrated, and he was also inducted into the
2 World Golf Hall of Fame.

3 (5) Jack Nicklaus has received numerous hon-
4 ors outside the world of sports, including several ar-
5 chitectural awards for his work in golf course de-
6 signs, such as The Old Tom Morris Award which is
7 the highest honor given by the Golf Course Super-
8 intendents Association of America, and both the
9 Donald Ross Award given by the American Society
10 of Golf Course Architects and the Don A. Rossi
11 Award given by the Golf Course Builders Association
12 of America.

13 (6) Jack Nicklaus has been involved in the de-
14 sign of 275 golf courses worldwide and his business,
15 Nicklaus Design, has 346 courses open for play
16 globally.

17 (7) Jack Nicklaus served as the Global Amba-
18 sador for a campaign to include golf in the Olympic
19 Games, which was achieved and will begin in the
20 2016 Olympic Program.

21 (8) Jack Nicklaus was honored by President
22 George W. Bush in 2005 by receiving the Presi-
23 dential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given
24 to any U.S. civilian.

1 (9) Jack Nicklaus has a long standing commit-
2 ment to numerous charitable events such as sup-
3 porting the Nicklaus Children’s Health Care Foun-
4 dation, which provides pediatric health care services
5 in a five county area including Palm Beach County,
6 Florida, has assisted in raising over \$12 million in
7 just five years for the cause, and continues to sup-
8 port several scholarship foundations, other children’s
9 hospitals, and junior golf initiatives.

10 (10) Jack Nicklaus continues to manage The
11 Memorial Tournament in his home state of Ohio, in
12 which contributions generated through the support
13 of over 2,600 volunteers are given to Nationwide
14 Children’s Hospital fund. This has garnered more
15 than \$5.7 million for programs and services at this
16 hospital since 1976, so that Central Ohio will con-
17 tinue to have one of the best children’s hospitals in
18 the United States.

19 (11) Jack Nicklaus and his wife serve as hon-
20 orary chairman and active chairwoman of the
21 Nicklaus Children’s Health Care Foundation in
22 North Palm Beach, Florida, which provides free of
23 charge health assistance and services to more than
24 4,000 children and their families through Child Life
25 programs (support therapeutic interventions for chil-

1 dren with chronic and acute conditions during hos-
2 pitalization), Miami Children’s Hospital Nicklaus
3 Care Centers (to offer a new option to Palm Beach
4 County area families with children who require pedi-
5 atric specialty care), and Safe Kids program (aimed
6 at keeping children injury free and offer safety edu-
7 cation in an effort to decrease accidental injuries in
8 children).

9 (12) Jack Nicklaus established an annual pro-
10 am golf tournament called “The Jake” to honor his
11 17-month-old grandson who passed in 2005, and it
12 serves as a primary fundraiser for the Nicklaus Chil-
13 dren’s Health Care Foundation, which has raised
14 over \$3 million over the last several years.

15 (13) Jack Nicklaus and General John
16 Shalikashvili (ret.) serve as honorary chairs of the
17 American Lake Veterans Golf Course in Tacoma,
18 Washington, which is designed for the rehabilitation
19 of wounded and disabled veterans. Nicklaus has do-
20 nated his design services for the improvement of the
21 course, and raised contributions for the addition of
22 nine new holes, the construction of the Rehabilita-
23 tion and Learning Center, and for the upgrade of
24 the maintenance facilities through a two-day event
25 in Palm Desert, CA, called the “Nicklaus Nine”.

1 (14) Jack Nicklaus serves as a spokesperson
2 and Trustee for The First Tee program which
3 brings the game of golf to children who would not
4 otherwise be exposed to it.

5 (15) Jack Nicklaus remains active in tour-
6 nament golf, although he retired from competition in
7 the major championships in 2005, when he played
8 his final British Open, his final Masters Tour-
9 nament, and led the United States to a thrilling vic-
10 tory in the Presidents Cup.

11 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Sen-
14 ate shall make appropriate arrangements for the presen-
15 tation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold medal of ap-
16 propriate design to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his
17 service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good
18 sportsmanship.

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

1 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

2 Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treas-
3 ury may prescribe, the Secretary may strike duplicate
4 medals in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to
5 section 2 and sell such duplicate medals at a price suffi-
6 cient to cover the costs of the duplicate medals (including
7 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
8 penses) and the cost of the gold medal.

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

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

12 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

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

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

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