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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 5, 1998

Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. GLENN) 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. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

4       (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is  
5       authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold  
6       medal of appropriate design to Len “Roy Rogers” Slye  
7       and Octavia “Dale Evans” Smith in recognition of their  
8       accomplishments as entertainers and humanitarians,  
9       which include—

1           (1) careers in the entertainment industry that  
 2           spanned 6 decades and covered such industries as  
 3           music, film, television, writing, sports, and radio;

4           (2) acting in and producing more than 100  
 5           films, as well as their popular 10-year television  
 6           show “The Roy Rogers Show”, which is still seen in  
 7           American and foreign markets;

8           (3) setting appearance records in virtually every  
 9           major arena in the world, including Madison Square  
 10          Garden in New York City, the Houston Fat Stock  
 11          Show, the Los Angeles Coliseum, the Chicago Sta-  
 12          dium, the Harringay Arena in London, Toronto’s  
 13          Canadian National Exhibition, and many State fairs  
 14          and rodeos;

15          (4) on the part of Len Slye, once selling out  
 16          Madison Square Garden 29 straight nights, holding  
 17          the record for the largest crowd to ever see an in-  
 18          door rodeo, and twice attracting more than 100,000  
 19          people to rodeos in the Los Angeles Coliseum;

20          (5) selfless service as role models through their  
 21          strong faith in Christianity as well as their devotion  
 22          to their 9 children (5 by adoption and 4 by birth),  
 23          16 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren;

24          (6) Octavia Smith’s classic book “Angel Un-  
 25          aware”, which dealt with the death from complica-

1 tions associated with Down's syndrome of Robin, the  
2 one child Len Slye and Octavia Smith had together;  
3 and

4 (7) creating the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Mu-  
5 seum in Victorville, California, that vividly chronicles  
6 their lives and the values and ethics that represent  
7 the basis of their worldwide appeal.

8 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the  
9 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
10 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the  
11 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-  
12 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the  
13 Secretary.

14 **SEC. 2. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

15 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
16 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 1  
17 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,  
18 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs of the medals,  
19 including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and  
20 overhead expenses.

21 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

22 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national  
23 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United  
24 States Code.

1   **SEC. 4. FUNDING AND PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

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

6           (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the  
7 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be  
8 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise  
9 Fund.

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