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To provide for the issuance of a semipostal for the American Battle
Monuments Commission.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a semipostal for the American
Battle Monuments Commission.

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. SEMIPOSTAL FOR AMERICAN BATTLE MONU-**
4 **MENTS COMMISSION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 414 the
7 following:

1 **“§ 414a. Special postage stamps for the American Bat-**
2 **tle Monuments Commission**

3 “(a) In order to afford the public a convenient way
4 to contribute to funding for the American Battle Monu-
5 ments Commission, the Postal Service shall establish a
6 special rate of postage for first-class mail under this sec-
7 tion.

8 “(b) The rate of postage established under this
9 section—

10 “(1) shall be equal to the regular first-class rate
11 of postage, plus a differential of not to exceed 25
12 percent;

13 “(2) shall be set by the Governors in accord-
14 ance with such procedures as the Governors shall by
15 regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under
16 chapter 36); and

17 “(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the
18 regular first-class rate of postage.

19 The use of the special rate of postage established under
20 this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal pa-
21 trons.

22 “(c)(1) Amounts becoming available for the American
23 Battle Monuments Commission pursuant to this section
24 shall be paid to the Commission in accordance with such
25 arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual agree-
26 ment with the Commission establish, except that, under

1 those arrangements, payments shall be made at least twice
2 a year.

3 “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts
4 becoming available for the American Battle Monuments
5 Commission pursuant to this section’ means—

6 “(A) the total amounts received by the Postal
7 Service that it would not have received but for the
8 enactment of this section, reduced by

9 “(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable
10 costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out
11 this section, including those attributable to the
12 printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this
13 section,

14 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that
15 it shall prescribe.

16 “(d) It is the sense of the Congress that nothing in
17 this section should—

18 “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease
19 in any Federal funding for the American Battle
20 Monuments Commission; or

21 “(2) affect regular first-class rates of postage
22 or any other regular rates of postage.

23 “(e) Special postage stamps under this section shall
24 be made available to the public beginning on such date
25 as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in

1 no event later than 12 months after the date of the enact-
 2 ment of this section.

3 “(f) The Postmaster General shall include in each re-
 4 port rendered under section 2402 with respect to any pe-
 5 riod during any portion of which this section is in effect
 6 information concerning the operation of this section, ex-
 7 cept that, at a minimum, each shall include—

8 “(1) the total amount described in subsection
 9 (c)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service
 10 during the period covered by such report; and

11 “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how
 12 much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-
 13 quired for the purposes described in subsection
 14 (c)(2)(B).

15 “(g) This section shall cease to be effective at the
 16 end of the 2-year period beginning on the date on which
 17 special postage stamps under this section are first made
 18 available to the public.”.

19 (b) REPORT BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF
 20 THE UNITED STATES.—No later than 3 months (but no
 21 earlier than 6 months) before the end of the 2-year period
 22 referred to in section 414a(g) of title 39, United States
 23 Code (as amended by subsection (a)), the Comptroller
 24 General of the United States shall submit to the Congress

1 a report on the operation of such section. Such report shall
 2 include—

3 (1) an evaluation of the effectiveness and the
 4 appropriateness of the authority provided by such
 5 section as a means of fund-raising; and

6 (2) a description of the monetary and other re-
 7 sources required of the Postal Service in carrying
 8 out such section.

9 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The analysis
 10 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended
 11 by striking the item relating to section 414 and inserting
 12 the following:

“414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast cancer research.

“414a. Special postage stamps for the American Battle Monuments Commis-
 sion.”.

13 (2) The heading for section 414 of title 39, United
 14 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

15 “§ 414. **Special postage stamps to benefit breast can-**
 16 **cer research”.**

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