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# S. 2632

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2000

Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. TORRICELLI) 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       Congress finds that—

5               (1) astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, as com-  
6       mander of Apollo 11, achieved the historic accom-  
7       plishment of piloting the Lunar Module “Eagle” to

1 the surface of the moon, and became the first person  
 2 to walk upon the moon on July 20, 1969;

3 (2) astronaut Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr.  
 4 joined Neil A. Armstrong in piloting the Lunar Mod-  
 5 ule “Eagle” to the surface of the moon, and became  
 6 the second person to walk upon the moon on July  
 7 20, 1969;

8 (3) astronaut Michael Collins provided critical  
 9 assistance to his fellow astronauts that landed on  
 10 the moon by piloting the Command Module “Colum-  
 11 bia” in the moon’s orbit and communicating with  
 12 Earth, thereby allowing his fellow Apollo 11 astro-  
 13 nauts to successfully complete their mission on the  
 14 surface of the moon;

15 (4) by conquering the moon at great personal  
 16 risk to their safety, the 3 Apollo 11 astronauts ad-  
 17 vanced America scientifically and technologically,  
 18 paving the way for future missions to other regions  
 19 in space; and

20 (5) the Apollo 11 astronauts, by and through  
 21 their historic feat, united the country in favor of  
 22 continued space exploration and research.

23 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

24 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is  
 25 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, gold

1 medals of appropriate design to astronauts Neil A. Arm-  
2 strong, Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., and Michael Collins,  
3 in recognition of their monumental and unprecedented  
4 feat of space exploration, as well as their achievements in  
5 the advancement of science and promotion of the space  
6 program.

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

13 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

14 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-  
15 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
16 bronze of the gold medals struck under section 2, at a  
17 price sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including  
18 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead ex-  
19 penses.

20 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

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

**1 SEC. 5. PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

2       Amounts received from the sale of duplicate bronze  
3 medals under section 3 shall be deposited in the United  
4 States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

