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To award a congressional gold medal to Lord Robertson of Port Ellen.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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of Port Ellen.

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 The Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) In 1999, George Robertson was chosen by
6 the 19 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty
7 Organization to become Secretary General of the Al-
8 liance.

9 (2) During his 4 years as Secretary General,
10 Lord Robertson has been one of NATO's finest sec-

1 retaries general, helping to shift the Alliance from a
2 static force, designed only to counter the Soviet
3 threat to Europe, to one that is able to deploy capa-
4 bly to meet current threats.

5 (3) Lord Robertson has been a great ally of the
6 United States, often defending American interests,
7 and he has played an exceptional role in maintaining
8 a strong relationship between the United States and
9 its European and Canadian allies.

10 (4) On September 12, 2001, one day after the
11 terrorist attacks against New York City and Wash-
12 ington, D.C., Lord Robertson proposed that the
13 North Atlantic Council invoke Article 5 of the Wash-
14 ington Treaty, declaring that the attacks against the
15 United States constituted an attack on the entire
16 North Atlantic Alliance.

17 (5) In response to the invocation of Article 5,
18 nearly all of the NATO allies sent troops to Afghani-
19 stan to depose the Taliban regime or to stabilize the
20 country, and the Alliance sent its own AWACS air-
21 craft to patrol the skies over the United States.

22 (6) Under Lord Robertson's stewardship, the
23 North Atlantic Alliance has transformed itself so as
24 to remain the cornerstone of transatlantic coopera-

1 tion and Euro-Atlantic security, which remain in the
2 national interest of the United States.

3 (7) Lord Robertson will step down as Secretary
4 General of NATO at the end of 2003.

5 (8) Lord Robertson plans to make his final visit
6 to the United States as Secretary General from No-
7 vember 10 to 12, 2003, in order to address the 49th
8 Annual Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assem-
9 bly in Orlando, Florida, as well as to meet in Wash-
10 ington, D.C., with the President, the Secretary of
11 State, and the Secretary of Defense.

12 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

13 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
14 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-
15 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
16 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
17 medal of appropriate design, to Lord Robertson of Port
18 Ellen in recognition of his outstanding and enduring con-
19 tributions to maintaining the security of the Euro-Atlantic
20 region.

21 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
22 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
23 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
24 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,

1 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Sec-
2 retary.

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

4 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
5 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
6 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
7 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
8 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
9 and the cost of the gold medal.

10 **SEC. 4. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

11 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
12 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
13 51 of title 31, United States Code.

14 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
15 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
16 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

17 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
18 **SALE.**

19 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
20 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
21 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
22 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
23 to this Act.

24 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
25 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section

- 1 3 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
- 2 Enterprise Fund.

