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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KEAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SEAL Team Six Con-
5 gressional Gold Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked
4 four U.S. planes, with two crashing into the Twin
5 Towers, one into the Pentagon, and one in
6 Shanksville, Pennsylvania, which was believed to be
7 targeting the United States Capitol. Along with
8 thousands of injuries, the official death toll was
9 2,977 people.

10 (2) Immediately following the attacks, Presi-
11 dent George W. Bush launched the Global War on
12 Terror, and the FBI's top priority became the pre-
13 vention of future terrorist strikes.

14 (3) The perpetrators of 9/11 were part of a ter-
15 rorist organization named al-Qaeda, led by Osama
16 bin Laden. On October 10, 2001, bin Laden was
17 added to the newly launched Most Wanted Terrorist
18 List, claiming responsibility for the attacks in 2004.

19 (4) In 2011, SEAL Team Six carried out a sur-
20 gical raid on the compound where Osama bin Laden
21 was in hiding, a mission dubbed Operation Neptune
22 Spear.

23 (5) Two stealth Black Hawk helicopters took
24 off from Afghanistan on May 1, 2011, to fly to the
25 compound in Abbottabad, carrying a group of 23
26 Navy SEALs, an interpreter, and a combat dog.

1 When the door opened, the SEALs breached the
2 building, met with resistance, but completed their
3 mission. Bullet shrapnel from the firefight lodged in
4 the handle of a pair of bolt cutters carried by one
5 of the SEALs, but no casualties or injuries were
6 sustained by the SEALs.

7 (6) The sheer bravery of SEAL Team Six was
8 exemplified in the success of this mission, and their
9 actions were pivotal for the safety and security of
10 the United States.

11 (7) Osama bin Laden's defeat marked a signifi-
12 cant victory in the U.S.-led effort to disrupt, dis-
13 mantle, and defeat al-Qaeda. For the families of 9/
14 11 victims, bin Laden's defeat gave a sense of jus-
15 tice.

16 (8) Due to SEAL Team Six's success, critical
17 intelligence about bin Laden and al-Qaeda was col-
18 lected, allowing the United States to further the
19 campaign against terrorism.

20 (9) The United States is indebted to SEAL
21 Team Six, and to express this gratitude, these serv-
22 ice members will be awarded the Congressional Gold
23 Medal for the service they performed for our coun-
24 try.

1 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

2 (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the
3 House of Representatives and the President pro tempore
4 of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the
5 award, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appro-
6 priate design to the members of the Naval Special Warfare
7 Development Group (commonly referred to as “SEAL
8 Team Six”), in recognition of their critical role in defeat-
9 ing Osama bin Laden in the fight against terrorism.

10 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
11 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
12 Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall
13 strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and
14 inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

15 (c) NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the award of the
17 gold medal under subsection (a), the medal shall be
18 given to the National Museum of American History
19 of the Smithsonian Institution, where it shall be
20 available for display as appropriate and made avail-
21 able for research.

22 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
23 Congress that the National Museum of American
24 History of the Smithsonian Institution should make
25 the gold medal received under paragraph (1) avail-

1 able for display elsewhere, particularly at other ap-
2 propriate locations associated with SEAL Team Six.

3 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
5 may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal
6 struck under section 3, at a price sufficient to cover the
7 costs thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of ma-
8 chinery, and overhead expenses.

9 (b) MEDALS PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF SEAL
10 TEAM SIX.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall give a
11 bronze medal described in subsection (a) to each member
12 of the Naval Special Warfare Development Group and re-
13 lated staff who participated in defeating Osama bin
14 Laden, as determined by the Secretary of Defense.

15 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

16 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—Medals struck under this
17 Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title
18 31, United States Code.

19 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
20 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
21 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
22 items.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
2 **SALE.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.**—There is
4 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
5 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
6 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck under
7 this Act.

8 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the
9 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
10 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
11 Enterprise Fund.