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H.R.310

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 13, 2021

Mr. Lynch (for himself and Mr. Mast) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 makes the following findings:
- 5 (1) On September 11, 2012, the United States
- 6 consulate, and its personnel in Benghazi, Libya,
- 7 were attacked by militants.

- (2) Four Americans were killed in the attack,
 including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, Sean
 Smith, Glen Doherty, and Tyrone Woods.
 - (3) Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods were former Navy SEALs who served as security personnel in Libya. As the attack unfolded, they bravely attempted to defend American property and protect United States diplomatic personnel. In so doing, they selflessly sacrificed their own lives.
 - (4) Glen Doherty was a Navy SEAL for 12 years and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He attained the rank of Petty Officer First Class and earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. After leaving the Navy, Glen Doherty worked with the Department of State to protect American diplomats.
 - (5) Tyrone Woods served for 20 years as a Navy SEAL including tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. In Iraq he led multiple raids and reconnaissance missions and earned the Bronze Star. After retiring from the Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Officer, Tyrone Woods worked with the Department of State to protect American diplomats.
 - (6) J. Christopher Stevens served for 21 years in the U.S. Foreign Service. He was serving as U.S.

- 1 Ambassador to Libya and previously served twice in
- 2 the country, as both Special Representative to the
- 3 Libyan Transitional National Council and as the
- 4 Deputy Chief of Mission. Earlier in his life, he also
- 5 served as a Peace Corps volunteer teaching English
- 6 in Morocco.
- 7 (7) Sean Smith served for 6 years in the U.S.
- 8 Air Force. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant
- 9 and was awarded the Air Force Commendation
- Medal. After leaving the Air Force, Sean Smith
- served for 10 years in the State Department on var-
- ious assignments, which took him to places such as
- Baghdad, Brussels, Pretoria, and The Hague.
- 14 (8) As their careers attest, all four men served
- their country honorably.
- 16 SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.
- 17 (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the
- 18 House of Representatives and the President pro tempore
- 19 of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the
- 20 posthumous award, on behalf of the Congress, of a single
- 21 gold medal of appropriate design collectively in commemo-
- 22 ration of Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher
- 23 Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contribu-
- 24 tions to the Nation.

- 1 (b) Design and Striking.—For the purposes of the
- 2 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
- 3 Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Sec-
- 4 retary") shall strike the gold medal with suitable emblems,
- 5 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
- 6 retary.
- 7 (c) Central Intelligence Agency Museum.—
- 8 (1) In general.—Following the award of the
- 9 gold medal under subsection (a), the gold medal
- shall be given to the Central Intelligence Agency
- Museum, where it shall be displayed as appropriate
- and made available for research.
- 13 (2) Sense of congress.—It is the sense of
- 14 Congress that the Central Intelligence Agency Mu-
- seum should make the gold medal received under
- paragraph (1) available for display elsewhere, par-
- 17 ticularly at other appropriate locations associated
- with Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher
- 19 Stevens, and Sean Smith.

20 SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

- 21 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
- 22 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
- 23 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 2, at a price
- 24 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor,
- 25 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

1 SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.

- 2 Medals struck pursuant to this Act are national med-
- 3 als for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States

4 Code.

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