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To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Carrie Beatrice “Mudear” Sager, in recognition of her service to her community and nation, for peace, racial justice, and human rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2021

Ms. BASS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 the following:

5 (1) Carrie Beatrice “Mudear” Sager was born
6 on September 5, 1913 in Autauga County, Alabama

1 to the late Mr. James Hardy and Mrs. Laura
2 Hardy.

3 (2) She was a foot soldier who marched with
4 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Alabama in
5 1963. Ms. Sager was dedicated to fighting for racial
6 and social justice, she risked her own life countless
7 times being a voice for others. Her commitment is
8 demonstrated through her years of bravery and ac-
9 tivism.

10 (3) Ms. Sager was known for organizing the
11 well-known Children's March of May 2, 1963 led by
12 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This protest led to hun-
13 dreds of students being arrested and taken to jail in
14 paddy wagons and school buses.

15 (4) She was a victim of police brutality and ex-
16perienced the brute force of hoses and dogs as law
17 enforcement used them as weapons against her and
18 peaceful protestors during the Southern Christian
19 Leadership Conference's Birmingham Campaign.

20 (5) She was a fearless woman who stood up to
21 the KKK by picketing and boycotting white busi-
22 nesses in Bessemer and Birmingham Alabama, de-
23 manding equal treatment of Black people across this
24 nation.

1 (6) She demonstrated heroism as she marched
2 the infamous Edmund Pettus Bridge on Bloody
3 Sunday, March 7th, 1965. This was a day in which
4 police attacked Civil Rights activists with tear gas,
5 billy clubs, and horses as demonstrators were headed
6 to the State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama.

7 (7) Ms. Sager was a woman of God and an ac-
8 tive member of Starlight Missionary Baptist Church,
9 where she was named “Mother of the Church”.

10 (8) Carrie Beatrice “Mudear” Sager passed
11 away November 20, 2014 at the age of 101. She will
12 be remembered for her tenacity and unwavering
13 dedication to fighting for human rights and ensuring
14 equality and peace across this nation.

15 (9) She was loved and cherished by many and
16 her legacy will live on through her family. She left
17 this earth with five children: Sam Sager, Jr., Will
18 Sager, Lurlean Sager Burnette, Florabell Sager
19 McQueen, and Mary Sager Davis. Mudear’s ten
20 grandchildren are as follows: Cora Jean Douglass,
21 Martha Jean McQueen, Will Sager Jr., Valerie
22 Sager Seals, Veronica Sager Seals, Vernon T. Sager
23 Sr., Vayonna L. Sager, Loretta Lusane Philips,
24 Clarence Lusane, and Tanya Davis McCullough.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

2 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZATION.—The Speaker
3 of the House of Representatives and the President pro
4 tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrange-
5 ments for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of
6 a gold medal of appropriate design to the Carrie Beatrice
7 “Mudear” Sager, in recognition of her service to her com-
8 munity and nation, for peace, racial justice, and human
9 rights.

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

16 (c) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—Following the
17 award of the gold medal under subsection (a), the gold
18 medal shall be given to the Smithsonian Institution and
19 the medal will be available for display at the National Mu-
20 seum of African American History and Culture.

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

22 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
23 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2
24 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
25 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,

1 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
2 and the cost of the gold medal.

3 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

4 Medals struck pursuant to this Act are national med-
5 als for the purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
6 States Code.

