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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAWTHORN (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. MAST, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. DONALDS) 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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Task Force Pineapple  
5 Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Task Force Pineapple, a group of veterans,  
4 worked unofficially with the United States military  
5 and the United States Embassy to safely rescue  
6 hundreds of Afghan special operators and American  
7 citizens, bringing them into the United States mili-  
8 tary-controlled part of the Hamid Karzai Inter-  
9 national Airport as the United States was con-  
10 cluding its withdrawal from Afghanistan.

11 (2) These Afghan special operators served  
12 alongside the United States military throughout the  
13 United States deployment in Afghanistan, inter-  
14 preting and putting their own lives on the line to  
15 ally and assist the United States military.

16 (3) Working alongside the United States mili-  
17 tary and the United States Embassy, Task Force  
18 Pineapple was able to save an estimate of 500 Af-  
19 ghan special operators and their families on the first  
20 mission.

21 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

22 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of  
23 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-  
24 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements  
25 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold

1 medal of appropriate design to Task Force Pineapple in  
2 recognition of the achievements of Task Force Pineapple.

3 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the  
4 presentation under subsection (a), the Secretary of the  
5 Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall  
6 strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and  
7 inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

8 (c) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—Following the  
9 award of the gold medal under subsection (a), the gold  
10 medal shall be given to the Smithsonian Institution, where  
11 it shall be available for display as appropriate and made  
12 available for research.

13 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

14 (a) STRIKING OF DUPLICATES.—Under such regula-  
15 tions as the Secretary may prescribe, the Secretary may  
16 strike duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck under  
17 section 3.

18 (b) SELLING OF DUPLICATES.—The Secretary may  
19 sell such duplicates under subsection (a) at a price suffi-  
20 cient to cover the costs of such duplicates, including labor,  
21 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

22 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

23 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—Medals struck under this  
24 Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title  
25 31, United States Code.

1       (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
2 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck  
3 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

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