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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Granite Mountain Hotshots who fought the Yarnell Hill Fire, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, and Mr. BIGGS) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Granite Mountain Hot-
5 shots Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) “Hotshots” are elite firefighters that spe-
9 cialize in the containment of wildfires.

1 (2) On June 28, 2013, lighting ignited the
2 Yarnell Hill Fire on a ridge west of Yarnell, Ari-
3 zona, and the fire spread rapidly.

4 (3) Firefighters from the Granite Mountain
5 Interagency Hotshot Crew (hereafter in this Act re-
6 ferred to as the “Granite Mountain Hotshots”), a
7 crew within the Prescott Fire Department, were de-
8 ployed to assist with the containment of the Yarnell
9 Hill Fire.

10 (4) On June 30, 2013, 19 firefighters from the
11 Granite Mountain Hotshots perished while attempt-
12 ing to contain the Yarnell Hill Fire and preserve the
13 lives and livelihoods of the residents of Yarnell. The
14 19 firefighters were—

- 15 (A) Andrew Ashcraft, age 29;
- 16 (B) Robert Caldwell, age 23;
- 17 (C) Travis Carter, age 31;
- 18 (D) Dustin Deford, age 24;
- 19 (E) Christopher MacKenzie, age 30;
- 20 (F) Eric Marsh, age 43;
- 21 (G) Grant McKee, age 21;
- 22 (H) Sean Misner, age 26;
- 23 (I) Scott Norris, age 28;
- 24 (J) Wade Parker, age 22;
- 25 (K) John Percin, age 24;

1 (L) Anthony Rose, age 23;
2 (M) Jesse Steed, age 36;
3 (N) Joe Thurston, age 32;
4 (O) Travis Turbyfill, age 27;
5 (P) William Warneke, age 25;
6 (Q) Clayton Whitted, age 28;
7 (R) Kevin Woyjeck, age 21; and
8 (S) Garret Zuppiger, age 27.

9 (5) Of the 20 Granite Mountain Hotshots fight-
10 ing the Yarnell Hill Fire, only the lookout, Brendan
11 McDonough, survived. Brendan McDonough is now
12 a motivational speaker who honors the legacy of the
13 19 fallen Granite Mountain Hotshots.

14 (6) The Yarnell Hill Fire was the deadliest
15 wildfire in the history of the State of Arizona. The
16 Yarnell Hill Fire was the deadliest wildfire in the
17 United States for firefighters since the year 1933
18 and the third deadliest wildfire in the history of the
19 United States. The Yarnell Hill Fire resulted in
20 more firefighter deaths in the United States than
21 any single occurrence since the September 11, 2001,
22 terrorist attacks.

23 (7) Every year, on June 30, residents of
24 Yarnell honor the Granite Mountain Hotshots.

1 (8) The Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial
2 State Park, located on the site of the Yarnell Hill
3 Fire, was dedicated to the Granite Mountain Hot-
4 shots in the year 2016.

5 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

6 (a) DENOMINATION.—The Secretary of the Treasury
7 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall
8 mint and issue the following coin:

9 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
10 coins, which shall—

11 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

12 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

13 (C) contain not less than 90 percent gold.

14 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
15 \$1 coins, which shall—

16 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

17 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

18 (C) contain not less than 90 percent silver.

19 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
20 than 750,000 half-dollar coins which shall—

21 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

22 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

23 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-

24 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title

25 31, United States Code.

1 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
2 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
3 title 31, United States Code.

4 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
5 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
6 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
7 matic items.

8 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

9 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
11 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
12 fight of the Granite Mountain Hotshots against the
13 Yarnell Hill Fire in the year 2013.

14 (2) NUMBER OF DESIGNS.—The Secretary shall
15 mint and issue 20 distinct designs under this Act,
16 each of which will honor a different firefighter of the
17 Granite Mountain Hotshots who fought the Yarnell
18 Hill Fire on June 30, 2013, by including on one side
19 the name and likeness of such firefighter.

20 (3) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
21 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

22 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

23 (B) an inscription of the year “2023”; and

1 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
2 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
3 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

4 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
5 under this Act shall be—

6 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
7 with the Commission of Fine Arts; and

8 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
9 Committee.

10 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

11 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
12 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

13 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
14 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
15 period beginning on January 1, 2023.

16 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

17 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
18 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
19 of—

20 (1) the face value of the coins;

21 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with
22 respect to such coins; and

23 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
24 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
25 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

1 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
2 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
3 discount.

4 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
6 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
7 before the issuance of such coins.

8 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
9 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
10 sonable discount.

11 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
13 Act shall include a surcharge of—

14 (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

15 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

16 (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

17 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
18 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
19 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
20 shall be promptly paid to the Yarnell Fire District for the
21 purpose of wildfire prevention and wildfire education.

22 (c) AUDITS.—The recipient of surcharges under this
23 Act shall be subject to the audit requirements of section
24 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard
25 to the amounts received under subsection (b).

1 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
2 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
3 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
4 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
5 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
6 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
7 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
8 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
9 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
10 retary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

11 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

12 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-
13 essary to ensure that—

14 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
15 will not result in any net cost to the United States
16 Government; and

17 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
18 shall be disbursed to any recipient designated in sec-
19 tion 6 until the total cost of designing and issuing
20 all of the coins authorized by this Act (including
21 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
22 penses, marketing, and shipping) is recovered by the
23 United States Treasury, consistent with sections

1 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31, United States
2 Code.

