



IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 7th, 2021

Mr. NOAH (for himself, Mr. KYPELLON, Mr. CROW, Mr. ELLIS, Mr. CROSS,

and SENATOR LOULOU)

introduced the following bill;

A BILL

To posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal in commemoration of Edward Dickinson Baker

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Edward Dickinson Baker Congressional Gold Medal Act”

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Edward Dickinson Baker was an honorable servant of the United States in both the Mexican-American War and the Civil War.

(2) Edward Dickinson Baker was adamant about fighting for the Union in the Civil War, which he proclaimed to a crowd of 100,000 as follows: “If Providence shall will it, this feeble

hand shall draw a sword, never yet dishonored, not to fight for honor on a foreign field, but for country, for home, for law, for government, for Constitution, for right, for freedom, for humanity.”

(3) Edward Dickinson Baker formed a military regiment to fight for the Union, even with a seat in the United States Senate.

(4) Edward Dickinson Baker consistently supported the Constitution, turning down an appointment as Brigadier General due to potential unconstitutionality.

(5) Edward Dickinson Baker was consistent in his bravery, and his unwavering commitment to the United States, refusing to run away from the enemy forces when engaged in battle with them.

(6) Edward Dickinson Baker was murdered by Confederate treasonist forces at the Battle of Ball's Bluff, dying a hero to the nation.

(7) The United States should honor Edward Dickinson Baker for his fierce defense of America, even to the point of facing death at the hands of an enemy terrorist army in battle.

SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appropriate design in commemoration of Edward Dickinson Baker.

(b) **DESIGN AND STRIKING.**—For purposes of the presentation referred to in this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions, as determined by the Secretary.

(c) **AWARD OF MEDAL.**—After the award of the gold medal referred to in this Act, the gold medal shall be given to the Smithsonian Institute, where it shall be displayed as the Institute deems appropriate.

SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

Under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck under section 3, at a price sufficient to cover all costs of production of the medals, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.

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

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