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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of Claudette Colvin.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

October 19th, 2022

Ms. HEINÄLUOMA (for herself) introduced the following bill;

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

A BILL

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Claudette Colvin Commemorative Coin and Postal Services Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

(a) The Congress finds the following:

- (i) Born in Montgomery, Alabama, Claudette Colvin, age 15 refused to move to give up her seat to a white male — nine months before, American Activist Rosa Louise McCauley Parks;
- (ii) Colvin was forcibly removed from the bus and arrested for disturbing the peace, assault of a police officer, and disobeying segregation laws; and eventually sentenced to indefinite probation for assault of a police officer;
- (iii) Colvin was not recognized nationally at the time for her historic protest of Jim Crow segregation laws due to her age, appearance, and pregnancy;

- (iv) Diversity is one of the greatest strengths of the United States, and the motto inscribed on the Great Seal of the United States, “E pluribus unum”, Latin for “out of many, one”, symbolizes that individuals in the United States from all walks of life are unified by shared values;
- (v) November 13, 1956, the Supreme Court upheld the decision of the District Court that the State of Alabama’s bus segregation laws violated the rights of African Americans as stated in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution;
- (vi) We must recognize the understanding of the history of the United States and the first principles of the United States is indispensable to the survival of the United States as a free people;
- (vii) *the Senate and the House of Representatives, of the United States; in Congress Assembled*, recognizes Claudette Colvin as an integral figure of the civil rights movement, for which she, as a teenager, advocated for the constitutional rights of all African Americans;

SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

- (a) Denominations.—The Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue the following coin:
 - (i) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5 coins, which shall—
 - (1) weigh 8.359 grams;
 - (2) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and
 - (3) contain not less than 90 percent gold.
 - (ii) (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000 \$1 coins, which shall—
 - (1) weigh 26.73 grams;
 - (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and
 - (3) contain not less than 90 percent silver.
 - (iii) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more than 750,000 half-dollar coins which shall—
 - (1) weigh 11.34 grams;
 - (2) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

- (3) be minted to the specifications for half-dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title 31, United States Code.
- (b) The coins minted under this Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title 31, United States Code.
- (c) Numismatic Items.—For purposes of sections 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.

- (a) Design Requirements.—
 - (i) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of Claudette Colvin and their impact on the development of the United States and Alabama State.
 - (ii) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—
 - (1) a designation of the value of the coin;
 - (2) the inscription “1939–”; and
 - (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

- (a) Quality Of Coins.—Coins minted under this Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.
- (b) Period For Issuance.—The Secretary may issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year period beginning on January 1, 2025.

SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.

- (a) Sale Price.—The coins issued under this Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of—
 - (i) the face value of the coins;
 - (ii) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with respect to such coins; and
 - (iii) the cost of designing and issuing the coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

- (b) Bulk Sales.—The Secretary shall make bulk sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable discount.
- (c) Prepaid Orders.—
 - (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act before the issuance of such coins.
 - (ii) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to prepaid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a reasonable discount.

SEC. 7. CLAUDETTE COLVIN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

- (a) Designation.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6701 Winton Blount Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36119 shall be known and designated as the “Claudette Colvin Post Office Building”.
- (b) References.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Claudette Colvin Post Office Building”.