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# H. R. 2527

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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# A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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 “National Baseball Hall  
5 of Fame Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

8           (1) On June 12, 1939, the National Baseball  
9 Hall of Fame and Museum opened in Cooperstown,  
10 New York. Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Christy  
11 Mathewson, Babe Ruth, and Honus Wagner com-  
12 prised the inaugural class of inductees. This class  
13 set the standard for all future inductees. Since  
14 1939, just one percent of all Major League Baseball  
15 players have earned induction into the National  
16 Baseball Hall of Fame.

17           (2) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and  
18 Museum is dedicated to preserving history, honoring  
19 excellence, and connecting generations through the  
20 rich history of our national pastime. Baseball has

1 mirrored our Nation's history since the Civil War,  
2 and is now an integral part of our Nation's heritage.

3 (3) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and  
4 Museum chronicles the history of our national pas-  
5 time and houses the world's largest collection of  
6 baseball artifacts, including more than 38,000 three  
7 dimensional artifacts, 3,000,000 documents,  
8 500,000 photographs, and 12,000 hours of recorded  
9 media. This collection ensures that baseball history  
10 and its unique connection to American history will  
11 be preserved and recounted for future generations.

12 (4) Since its opening in 1939, more than  
13 14,000,000 baseball fans have visited the National  
14 Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum to learn about  
15 the history of our national pastime and the game's  
16 connection to the American experience.

17 (5) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and  
18 Museum is an educational institution, reaching  
19 10,000,000 Americans annually. Utilizing video con-  
20 ference technology, students and teachers participate  
21 in interactive lessons led by educators from the Na-  
22 tional Baseball Hall of Fame Museum. These award-  
23 winning educational programs draw upon the won-  
24 ders of baseball to reach students in classrooms na-  
25 tionwide. Each educational program uses baseball as

1 a lens for teaching young Americans important les-  
2 sons on an array of topics, including mathematics,  
3 geography, civil rights, women’s history, economics,  
4 industrial technology, arts, and communication.

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

6 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration  
7 of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the Secretary of  
8 the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-  
9 retary”) shall mint and issue the following coins:

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

12 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

13 (B) have diameter of 0.850 inches; and

14 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
15 alloy.

16 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000  
17 \$1 coins, which shall—

18 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

20 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-  
21 cent copper.

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

24 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

1 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-  
2 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title  
3 31, United States Code.

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

7 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
8 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins  
9 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
10 matic items.

11 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
12 gress that coins minted under this Act should be produced  
13 in a fashion similar to the 2009 International Year of As-  
14 tronomy coins issued by Monnaie de Paris, the French  
15 Mint, so that the reverse of the coin is convex to more  
16 closely resemble a baseball and the obverse concave, pro-  
17 viding a more dramatic display of the obverse design cho-  
18 sen pursuant to section 4(c).

19 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

20 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
22 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
23 game of baseball and of its place in American sports  
24 and the American way of life.

1           (2) DESIGNATIONS AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
2 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

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

4           (B) an inscription of the year “2015”; and

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

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

10           (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
11 with the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the  
12 Commission of Fine Arts and in accordance with  
13 subparagraph (c); and

14           (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
15 Committee.

16           (c) OBTVERSE DESIGN COMPETITION.—The Secretary  
17 shall hold a competition and provide compensation for its  
18 winner to design the obverse of the coins minted under  
19 this Act. The competition shall be held in the following  
20 manner:

21           (1) The competition shall be judged by an ex-  
22 pert jury chaired by the Secretary and consisting of  
23 3 members from the Citizens Coinage Advisory Com-  
24 mittee who shall be elected by such Committee and

1       3 members from the Commission of Fine Arts who  
2       shall be elected by such Commission.

3           (2) The Secretary shall determine compensation  
4       for the winning design, which shall be not less than  
5       \$5,000.

6           (3) The Secretary may not accept a design for  
7       the competition unless a plaster model accompanies  
8       the design.

9       (d) REVERSE DESIGN.—The design on the reverse of  
10      the coins minted under this Act shall depict a baseball  
11      similar to those used by Major League Baseball.

12      **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

15       (b) MINT FACILITIES.—Any facility of the United  
16      States Mint may be used to strike uncirculated and half-  
17      dollar coins, but only the United States Mint facility at  
18      West Point, New York, may be used to strike coins in  
19      proof quality.

20       (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
21      issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year  
22      period beginning on January 1, 2015.

1 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

5 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

8 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
9 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
10 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

14 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

21 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under  
23 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

24 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

25 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

1           (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half-dol-  
2       lar coin.

3       (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
4 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
5 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
6 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the National  
7 Baseball Hall of Fame to help finance its operations.

8       (c) AUDITS.—The National Baseball Hall of Fame  
9 shall be subject to the audit requirements of section  
10 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard  
11 to the amounts received under subsection (b).

12       (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
13 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
14 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
15 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
16 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-  
17 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual com-  
18 memorative coin program issuance limitation under sec-  
19 tion 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in ef-  
20 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-  
21 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out  
22 this subsection.

23 **SEC. 8. BUDGET COMPLIANCE.**

24       The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
25 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,

1 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
2 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
3 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
4 by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the  
5 House of Representatives, provided that such statement  
6 has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

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