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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2017

Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. MAST) 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) On September 11, 2012, the United States
6 consulate, and its personnel in Benghazi, Libya,
7 were attacked by militants.

1 (2) Four Americans were killed in the attack,
2 including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, Sean
3 Smith, Glen Doherty, and Tyrone Woods.

4 (3) Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods were
5 former Navy SEALs who served as security per-
6 sonnel in Libya. As the attack unfolded, they bravely
7 attempted to defend American property and protect
8 United States diplomatic personnel. In so doing,
9 they selflessly sacrificed their own lives.

10 (4) Glen Doherty was a Navy SEAL for 12
11 years and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He at-
12 tained the rank of Petty Officer First Class and
13 earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation
14 Medal. After leaving the Navy, Glen Doherty worked
15 with the Department of State to protect American
16 diplomats.

17 (5) Tyrone Woods served for 20 years as a
18 Navy SEAL including tours in Iraq and Afghani-
19 stan. In Iraq he led multiple raids and reconnais-
20 sance missions and earned the Bronze Star. After
21 retiring from the Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Offi-
22 cer, Tyrone Woods worked with the Department of
23 State to protect American diplomats.

24 (6) J. Christopher Stevens served for 21 years
25 in the U.S. Foreign Service. He was serving as U.S.

1 Ambassador to Libya and previously served twice in
2 the country, as both Special Representative to the
3 Libyan Transitional National Council and as the
4 Deputy Chief of Mission. Earlier in his life, he also
5 served as a Peace Corps volunteer teaching English
6 in Morocco.

7 (7) Sean Smith served for 6 years in the U.S.
8 Air Force. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant
9 and was awarded the Air Force Commendation
10 Medal. After leaving the Air Force, Sean Smith
11 served for 10 years in the State Department on var-
12 ious assignments, which took him to places such as
13 Baghdad, Brussels, Pretoria, and The Hague.

14 (8) As their careers attest, all four men served
15 their country honorably.

16 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

17 (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives and the President pro tempore
19 of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the
20 posthumous award, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
21 medal of appropriate design in commemoration of Glen
22 Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean
23 Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

24 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
25 awards referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the

1 Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
2 retary”) shall strike the gold medals with suitable em-
3 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
4 Secretary.

5 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

6 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
7 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
8 bronze of the gold medals struck under section 2, at a
9 price sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including
10 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead ex-
11 penses, and the cost of the gold medals.

12 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

13 Medals struck pursuant to this Act are national med-
14 als for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States
15 Code.

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**
17 **OF SALE.**

18 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
20 Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as may be nec-
21 essary to pay for the cost of the medals struck pursuant
22 to this Act.

23 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
24 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be

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1 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
2 Fund.

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