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To award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Korean war combat veterans, in recognition of their dedicated service during the Korean war.

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Ms. HANABUSA (for herself, Mr. JONES, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. COSTA, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Korean War Combat
5 Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Korean war began on June 25, 1950,
2 and an armistice was signed on July 27, 1953.

3 (2) The Korean conflict began when troops of
4 the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK),
5 commonly known as North Korea, invaded the Re-
6 public of Korea (ROK), commonly known as South
7 Korea. A United Nations Resolution denounced the
8 DPRK’s invasion and called for a cessation of hos-
9 tilities and withdrawal of the DPRK to the 38th
10 parallel.

11 (3) To enforce the United Nations Resolution,
12 President Harry S. Truman ordered United States
13 air, land, and naval forces to aid the ROK.

14 (4) During the Korean war, members of the
15 United States military served as part of a unified
16 United Nations force which included armed forces
17 from 27 other nations. This is the first instance that
18 United States service members were used to enforce
19 a resolution of the United Nations.

20 (5) 5,720,000 United States service members
21 served during the period of the Korean war from
22 1950 through 1953. During the conflict, 36,574
23 made the ultimate sacrifice and 103,284 were
24 wounded.

1 (6) Today, approximately 1,280,000 Korean
2 war veterans are alive.

3 (7) The courage, bravery, and selflessness of
4 the American service members who fought as part of
5 the United Nations forces deployed to the Korean
6 Peninsula for global peace and security are recog-
7 nized.

8 (8) Korean war combat veterans include those
9 who served honorably in an active-duty status under
10 the command of United States and United Nations
11 forces on the air, land, and sea of the Korean Penin-
12 sula from June 25, 1950 through July 27, 1953.

13 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

14 (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives and the President pro tempore
16 of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the
17 award, on behalf of the Congress, of a single gold medal
18 of appropriate design to the Korean war combat veterans,
19 collectively, in recognition of their dedicated service during
20 the Korean war.

21 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
22 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
23 Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
24 retary”) shall strike the gold medal with suitable emblems,

1 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-
2 retary.

3 (c) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the award of the
5 gold medal in honor of the Korean war combat vet-
6 erans, under subsection (a), the gold medal shall be
7 given to the Smithsonian Institution, where it will be
8 displayed as appropriate and made for research.

9 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
10 Congress that the Smithsonian Institution should
11 make the gold medal received under paragraph (1)
12 available for display elsewhere, particularly at other
13 appropriate locations associated with the Korean
14 war combat veterans.

15 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

16 Under such regulations as the Secretary may pre-
17 scribe, the Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
18 bronze of the gold medal struck under section 3, at a price
19 sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor,
20 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

21 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

22 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—Medals struck pursuant to
23 this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51
24 of title 31, United States Code.

1 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
2 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
3 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

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