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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “National Park Service
5 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) in 1916, Congress established the National
2 Park Service as a bureau within the Department of
3 the Interior to administer the great national parks
4 and monuments in the United States as a unified
5 National Park System;

6 (2) from 1916 to the present, the National
7 Park System has grown from 37 park units with
8 6,000,000 acres of land in the western United
9 States to more than 395 units with 84,000,000
10 acres of land in nearly every State and territory;

11 (3) the responsibilities of the National Park
12 Service have expanded to include—

13 (A) managing national historic trails and
14 national scenic trails;

15 (B) administering wild and scenic rivers;

16 (C) recognizing the most significant his-
17 toric resources in the United States through the
18 National Register of Historic Places and the
19 National Historic Landmark program;

20 (D) providing historic preservation grants;
21 and

22 (E) assisting communities in meeting their
23 preservation, conservation, and recreation
24 needs;

1 (4) the National Park Service Organic Act of
2 1916 (Public Law 64-408, 39 Stat. 535), which es-
3 tablished the National Park Service, remains the
4 preeminent law guiding the management of parks
5 and articulating the core mission of the National
6 Park Service, “to conserve the scenery and the nat-
7 ural and historic objects and the wild life therein
8 and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in
9 such manner and by such means as will leave them
10 unimpaired for the enjoyment of future genera-
11 tions”;

12 (5) the 100th anniversary of the National Park
13 Service in 2016 will be an occasion to celebrate a
14 century of American vision and achievement in iden-
15 tifying and preserving the special places in the
16 United States for the benefit of all, and the culmina-
17 tion of 100 years of accomplishments by the employ-
18 ees, partners, and volunteers of the National Park
19 Service;

20 (6) 2016 also will mark the beginning of the
21 2nd century of service of the dedicated employees,
22 partners, and volunteers of the National Park Serv-
23 ice to the people of the United States as environ-
24 mental leaders and vigilant stewards of the treas-
25 ured places and stories of the United States;

1 (7) coins commemorating the 100th anniversary
2 of the National Park Service will bring national and
3 international attention to the National Park System
4 and to the legacy Congress left in 1916 when it es-
5 tablished a Federal agency to ensure the protection
6 of the most treasured natural and cultural resources
7 in the United States for all time; and

8 (8) the proceeds from a surcharge on the sale
9 of commemorative coins will assist the financing of
10 the needs of the parks and programs of the National
11 Park Service, helping to ensure that the great nat-
12 ural and cultural resources of the United States will
13 endure for generations to come.

14 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

15 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—

16 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—The Secretary of the
17 Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”)
18 shall mint and issue not more than 100,000 \$5
19 coins, which shall—

20 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

21 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

22 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
23 alloy.

1 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary shall
2 mint and issue not more than 500,000 \$1 coins,
3 which shall—

4 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

6 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
7 cent copper.

8 (3) HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—The Secretary
9 shall mint and issue not more than 750,000 half dol-
10 lar clad coins, which shall—

11 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

13 (C) be minted to the specifications for half
14 dollar clad coins in section 5112(b) of title 31,
15 United States Code.

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

19 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
20 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
21 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
22 matic items.

23 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

24 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
2 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
3 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

4 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
5 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

6 (A) a designation of the face value of the
7 coin;

8 (B) an inscription of the year “2016”; and

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

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

14 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
15 with—

16 (A) the National Park Service;

17 (B) the National Park Foundation; and

18 (C) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

19 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
20 Committee.

21 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

24 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
25 issue coins minted under this Act only during the period

1 beginning on January 1, 2016, and ending on December
2 31, 2016.

3 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

7 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

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

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

16 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

23 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
25 this Act shall include—

1 (1) a surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

2 (2) a surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin;

3 and

4 (3) a surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half dol-
5 lar coin.

6 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
8 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges that are
9 received by the Secretary from the sale of coins
10 issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by the
11 Secretary to the National Park Foundation for
12 projects and programs that help preserve and pro-
13 tect resources under the stewardship of the National
14 Park Service and promote public enjoyment and ap-
15 preciation of those resources.

16 (2) PROHIBITION ON LAND ACQUISITION.—Sur-
17 charges paid to the National Park Foundation pur-
18 suant to paragraph (1) may not be used for land ac-
19 quisition.

20 (c) AUDITS.—The National Park Foundation shall be
21 subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of
22 title 31, United States Code, with regard to the amounts
23 received by the National Park Foundation under sub-
24 section (b).

1 (d) LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
2 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
3 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
4 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
5 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
6 grams issued during such year to exceed the 2 commemo-
7 rative coin program issuance limitation under section
8 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in effect
9 on the date of enactment of this Act). The Secretary may
10 issue guidance to carry out this subsection.