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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. BEATTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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 “Rosa Parks Commemo-  
5       rative Coin Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Rosa Parks, widely celebrated as the  
2           “Mother of the Civil Rights Movement”, became an  
3           iconic figure when she refused to give up her seat  
4           on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, on  
5           December 1, 1955, igniting a pivotal movement that  
6           challenged racial segregation and forever altered the  
7           course of American history.

8           (2) Born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee,  
9           Alabama, to Leona McCauley, a teacher, and James  
10          McCauley, a carpenter, Parks grew up in the seg-  
11          regated South, experiencing firsthand the harsh re-  
12          alities of racial injustice.

13          (3) Despite the profound challenges of racial in-  
14          equality, Parks attended segregated schools in Ala-  
15          bama, graduating high school in 1933, where her  
16          education and experiences fueled her lifelong com-  
17          mitment to activism.

18          (4) In 1943, Parks became deeply involved with  
19          the National Association for the Advancement of  
20          Colored People, where she served as Secretary and  
21          Youth Leader, investigating cases of racial violence  
22          such as the rape of Recy Taylor and the lynching of  
23          Emmett Till.

24          (5) On December 1, 1955, Parks was arrested  
25          for refusing to give up her seat to a White man on

1 a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, an act  
2 that led to the historic 381-day Montgomery Bus  
3 Boycott by more than 40,000 riders.

4 (6) The boycott sparked a legal challenge to  
5 Montgomery's bus segregation laws, which cul-  
6 minated in the Supreme Court's landmark decision  
7 in *Browder v. Gayle* declaring bus segregation un-  
8 constitutional on November 13, 1956.

9 (7) Following the boycott, Parks faced signifi-  
10 cant personal and economic hardships, including the  
11 loss of her job and ongoing threats to her life, yet  
12 her determination to fight for justice remained  
13 steadfast.

14 (8) In 1957, Parks moved to Detroit, Michigan,  
15 where she continued her work as an advocate for ra-  
16 cial equality, focusing on economic justice, political  
17 participation, and racial integration.

18 (9) Parks became a global symbol of resistance  
19 to racial segregation and injustice, and her act of  
20 defiance inspired civil rights movements around the  
21 world.

22 (10) Throughout her life, Parks remained com-  
23 mitted to civil rights activism, participating in  
24 marches and speaking engagements, as well as men-  
25 toring younger generations of activists, furthering

1 her legacy of leadership in the struggle for racial  
2 equality.

3 (11) Parks passed away on October 24, 2005,  
4 at the age of 92, leaving an enduring legacy of cour-  
5 age, resilience, and leadership that continues to in-  
6 spire social justice and equality advocates across the  
7 globe.

8 (12) In recognition of her profound impact,  
9 Parks became the first woman and second African  
10 American to lie in honor in the United States Cap-  
11 itol Rotunda.

12 (13) In 1996, President Bill Clinton awarded  
13 Parks the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the high-  
14 est civilian honor bestowed by the President of the  
15 United States.

16 (14) In 1999, Parks received the Congressional  
17 Gold Medal, the highest expression of national ap-  
18 preciation for distinguished achievements and con-  
19 tributions bestowed by the United States Congress.

20 (15) Parks' legacy is commemorated through  
21 numerous schools, streets, transit stations, and  
22 monuments named in her honor, ensuring that her  
23 contributions to American history are remembered  
24 and celebrated.

1           (16) In 2006, Ohio became the first state to  
2           designate December 1, the day of Parks’ arrest, as  
3           Rosa Parks Day, garnering unanimous support from  
4           the state legislature and being signed into law by  
5           Governor Bob Taft.

6           (17) Rosa Parks Day is also celebrated in the  
7           states of California, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mis-  
8           souri, and New York on her birthday, February 4,  
9           and in Alabama, Oregon, Tennessee, and Texas on  
10          December 1.

11          (18) It is fitting and proper to recognize and  
12          preserve the achievements and impact of Rosa  
13          Parks, whose personal sacrifice, unwavering resist-  
14          ance, and inspirational advocacy were essential to  
15          the success of the Civil Rights Movement, and whose  
16          legacy continues to serve as a beacon of hope and  
17          inspiration for future generations.

18   **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

19          (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration  
20          of Rosa Parks, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter  
21          in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and  
22          issue the following coins:

23                (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5  
24          coins, which shall—

25                        (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

2 (C) contain at least 90 percent gold.

3 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000

4 \$1 coins, which shall—

5 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

7 (C) contain at least 90 percent silver.

8 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more

9 than 750,000 half-dollar coins which shall—

10 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

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

12 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-

13 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title

14 31, United States Code.

15 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this

16 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of

17 title 31, United States Code.

18 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections

19 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins

20 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-

21 matic items.

22 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

23 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins

25 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the

1 legacy of Rosa Parks as a leader of the Civil Rights  
2 Movement. At least one obverse design shall bear the  
3 name and likeness of Rosa Parks.

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

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

7 (B) an inscription of the year “2029”; and

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

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

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

15 (A) the Rosa and Raymond Parks Insti-  
16 tute for Self Development; and

17 (B) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

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

20 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

23 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
24 issue coins minted under this Act only during the calendar  
25 year beginning on January 1, 2029.

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 the 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  
25 coins.



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

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

5       (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f)(1) of  
6 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
7 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
8 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Rosa and  
9 Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, for the  
10 purpose of accomplishing and advancing its mission to  
11 carry on the work of Rosa Parks in youth development  
12 and civil rights education and advocacy.

13       (c) AUDITS.—The Rosa and Raymond Parks Insti-  
14 tute for Self Development shall be subject to the audit  
15 requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United  
16 States Code, with regard to the amounts received under  
17 subsection (b).

18       (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
19 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
20 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
21 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
22 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-  
23 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2  
24 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under

1 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code. The  
2 Secretary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

3 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

4 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-  
5 essary to ensure that—

6 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act  
7 will not result in any net cost to the United States  
8 Government; and

9 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,  
10 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section  
11 7(b) until the total cost of designing and issuing all  
12 of the coins authorized by this Act (including labor,  
13 materials, dies, use of machinery, winning design  
14 compensation, overhead expenses, marketing, and  
15 shipping) is recovered by the United States Treas-  
16 ury, consistent with sections 5112(m) and 5134(f) of  
17 title 31, United States Code.