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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CHU 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “American Rescuers  
3 of the Holocaust Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Between 1933 and 1945, United States res-  
7 cue and relief organizations were responsible for sav-  
8 ing many thousands of Jews and other refugees dur-  
9 ing the Holocaust. American groups sponsored, fi-  
10 nanced, and organized numerous rescue and relief  
11 efforts in Nazi-occupied and neutral Europe.

12 (2) These organizations operated in every coun-  
13 try in Europe. There were hundreds of American  
14 citizens involved in this effort.

15 (3) The Jewish refugees and others who were  
16 saved from almost certain death immigrated to the  
17 United States, Israel, and other parts of the world.

18 (4) Refugee agencies worked in the face of op-  
19 position to the resettling of Jewish refugees. In  
20 1939, Congress rejected proposals to offer asylum to  
21 20,000 Jewish children. In the same year, the  
22 United States refused asylum to Jewish refugees  
23 aboard the S.S. ST. LOUIS, who were forced to re-  
24 turn to Europe, and 254 of whom died in the Holo-  
25 caust.

1           (5) In addition, public opinion in America was  
2 largely against aiding refugees, especially through  
3 immigration.

4           (6) The rescue of Jews and other refugees was,  
5 in some cases, extremely dangerous, especially when  
6 conducted in Nazi-occupied territories or in collabo-  
7 rator nations. A number of rescuers were arrested,  
8 imprisoned, and some were killed.

9           (7) Many of these individuals and agencies  
10 aided in the relief and resettlement of Jewish refu-  
11 gees and others after the war.

12           (8) Among the most prominent was the War  
13 Refugee Board, which was responsible for saving the  
14 lives of 200,000 Jews and 20,000 non-Jews.

15           (9) A number of these organizations to be hon-  
16 ored are still in existence and are continuing efforts  
17 to help refugees throughout the world.

18           (10) The individuals being honored include any  
19 American who participated in the rescue or relief of  
20 Jews or other refugees who were in danger as a re-  
21 sult of the Nazi genocidal policy against Jews and  
22 others in Europe, from 1933 to 1945.

23 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

24           (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the  
25 House of Representatives and the President pro tempore

1 of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the  
2 award, on behalf of Congress, of a single gold medal of  
3 appropriate design in commemoration of the Americans  
4 who were active in rescuing and aiding Jews and other  
5 refugees during the period of Nazi Germany's genocidal  
6 "Final Solution" policy to murder every Jew in Europe,  
7 in recognition of their contributions, which resulted in tens  
8 of thousands of Jews and others being spared from almost  
9 certain death.

10 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the  
11 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the  
12 Treasury (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall  
13 strike the gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and  
14 inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

15 (c) UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MU-  
16 SEUM.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the award of the  
18 gold medal under subsection (a), the gold medal  
19 shall be given to the United States Holocaust Memo-  
20 rial Museum, where it shall be available for display  
21 and research in accordance with the Museum's poli-  
22 cies regarding materials in the Museum's care.

23 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of  
24 Congress that the United States Holocaust Memo-  
25 rial Museum should make the gold medal received

1 under paragraph (1) available for display elsewhere,  
2 in accordance with the Museum's policies regarding  
3 materials in the Museum's care, at other appropriate  
4 locations, including those associated with commemo-  
5 ration of the Holocaust and other relevant entities,  
6 that may make such a request.

7 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

8 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
9 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3, at  
10 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,  
11 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

12 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

13 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-  
14 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter  
15 51 of title 31, United States Code.

16 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
17 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals  
18 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic  
19 items.

20 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**  
21 **SALE.**

22 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is  
23 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint  
24 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-

1 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant  
2 to this Act.

3 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—The amounts received  
4 from the sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under  
5 section 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint  
6 Public Enterprise Fund.