

Public Law 100-639
100th Congress

An Act

To request the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Andrew Wyeth, and to provide for the production of bronze duplicates of such medal for sale to the public.

Nov. 9, 1988
[H.R. 593]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

31 USC 5111
note.

The Congress finds that—

- (1) Andrew Wyeth has created artwork which is undeniably American and internationally admired;
- (2) Andrew Wyeth has received world-wide acclaim for his works including "Christina's World", "The Trodden Weed", and "Wind from the Sea";
- (3) Andrew Wyeth has distinguished himself through his preeminence in the egg tempera technique;
- (4) Andrew Wyeth was chosen by President Kennedy in 1963 as the first artist to receive the Presidential Freedom Award, the country's highest civilian award;
- (5) Andrew Wyeth has received numerous international awards for his works; and
- (6) Andrew Wyeth has made outstanding and invaluable contributions to American art and culture.

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

31 USC 5111
note.

(a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—The President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Andrew Wyeth a gold medal of appropriate design, in recognition of his outstanding and invaluable contributions to American art and culture.

(b) **DESIGN AND STRIKING.**—For purposes of the presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Effective October 1, 1987, there are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$20,000 to carry out this section.

SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

31 USC 5111
note.

(a) **STRIKING AND SALE.**—The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

(b) **REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—The appropriation used to carry out section 2 shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of sales under subsection (a).

31 USC 5111
note.

SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.

The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

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