

Public Law 103-457  
103d Congress

## An Act

To award a congressional gold medal to Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Nov. 2, 1994  
[H.R. 4497]

*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 hereby finds the following:

(1) Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the leader of the Lubavitch movement for 40 years, has made outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity.

(2) Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, as a refugee first from Stalinist Russia and then from Nazi Germany, has made the headquarters of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement in New York City a center of over 2,000 educational, social, and rehabilitative institutions touching millions of people from all walks of life in every corner of the globe.

(3) Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, throughout his 92 years of life, has exemplified the highest ideals of scholarship, teaching, ethics, and charity.

(4) Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson has interpreted with keen insight the miraculous events of our time and has inspired people to a renewal of individual values of spirituality, cooperation, and love of learning.

(5) Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson's extraordinary life and work have long been recognized by the Congress through the enactment of joint resolutions designating his birthday in each of the last 16 years as "Education and Sharing Day, U.S.A.".

**SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

31 USC 5111  
note.

(a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—The President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to the Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, a gold medal of appropriate design, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward world education, morality, and acts of charity.

(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 reflecting the theme of education to be determined by the Secretary.

(c) **GIFTS OR DONATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall accept, use, and disburse gifts or donations of property or money to carry out this section.

(2) NO APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED.—No amount is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section.

31 USC 5111  
note.

**SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 1 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.

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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