

Public Law 102-479
102d Congress

An Act

Oct. 23, 1992
[S. 2661]

To authorize the striking of a medal commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the American Philosophical Society and the birth of Thomas Jefferson.

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

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SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the American Philosophical Society was founded in 1743 as the American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for Promoting Useful Knowledge;

(2) the American Philosophical Society was founded by Benjamin Franklin and today it is the oldest learned society in the United States and one of the principal scholarly and scientific bodies in the world;

(3) the American Philosophical Society plans to celebrate its 250th anniversary and the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson with programs and activities to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in April 1993;

(4) Thomas Jefferson served as the third president of the American Philosophical Society at the same time as he served as President of the United States; and

(5) it is proper and desirable to pay tribute to the American Philosophical Society and to Thomas Jefferson's devotion to learning as exemplified in the principles and programs of the American Philosophical Society.

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SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the American Philosophical Society and the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, the President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to a duly authorized representative of the American Philosophical Society, a gold medal of appropriate design which shall be known as the "Thomas Jefferson Medal".

(b) **DESIGN AND STRIKING.**—The Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") is authorized and directed to strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary in consultation with representatives of the American Philosophical Society.

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SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

(a) **AUTHORIZATION AND DIRECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.**—The Secretary is authorized and directed to strike 50 bronze duplicates of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2 and deliver the bronze duplicates to the American Philosophical Society.

(b) **PRESENTATION OF DUPLICATE MEDALS.**—The American Philosophical Society shall present the bronze duplicates to persons of scholarly achievement in connection with annual ceremonies.

SEC. 4. PAYMENT FOR MEDALS.

The Secretary shall take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that striking the gold medal and the bronze medals under this Act will not result in any net cost to the United States Government. Medals shall not be struck pursuant to this Act unless the Secretary has received full payment for the medals from the American Philosophical Society.

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SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.

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

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SEC. 6. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—No provision of law governing procurement or public contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods or services necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

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(b) **EXCEPTION.**—Nothing in this section shall relieve any person entering into a contract under the authority of this Act from complying with any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

Approved October 23, 1992.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 2661:

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