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108TH CONGRESS
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SOUDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

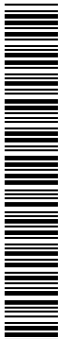
A BILL

To provide for dime coins to bear the likeness of President
Ronald Reagan, the Freedom President, in honor of his
work in restoring American greatness and bringing free-
dom to captive nations around the world.

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 “Ronald Reagan Dime
5 Act”.



1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) President Ronald Wilson Reagan, through
4 his efforts as the 40th President of the United
5 States, created policies that renewed economic
6 growth, strengthened the resolve of the free world
7 together to oppose totalitarianism, and restored
8 pride in the United States.

9 (2) In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugu-
10 rated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation
11 wracked by rampant inflation and high unemploy-
12 ment.

13 (3) The policies of President Reagan brought
14 about the beginnings of an economic boom that
15 lasted almost unimpeded through the end of the
16 20th century.

17 (4) President Reagan was victorious in 49 of
18 the 50 states in the 1984 general election, a record
19 unsurpassed in the history of United States presi-
20 dential elections.

21 (5) President Reagan, through his simple re-
22 publican dignity and sense of personal responsibility
23 to the United States of America, brought pride and
24 honor to the Office of the President.

25 (6) President Reagan worked in a bipartisan
26 manner to enact his agenda of restoring account-



1 ability and common sense to government, which led
2 to an unprecedented economic expansion and oppor-
3 tunity for millions of Americans.

4 (7) Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active so-
5 cial policy agenda for the nation's children helped
6 lower crime in our neighborhoods.

7 (8) President Reagan led a national crusade
8 against illegal narcotics, which resulted in a substan-
9 tial decline in illegal drug use in the United States
10 during his eight years in office.

11 (9) President Reagan wrote "Abortion and the
12 Conscience of a Nation" for the 10th Anniversary of
13 Roe v. Wade, which stated "Abraham Lincoln recog-
14 nized that we could not survive as a free land when
15 some men could decide that others were not fit to
16 be free and should therefore be slaves. Likewise, we
17 cannot survive as a free nation when some men de-
18 cide that others are not fit to live and should be
19 abandoned to abortion or infanticide... there is no
20 cause more important for preserving that freedom
21 than affirming the transcendent right to life of all
22 human beings, the right without which no other
23 rights have any meaning".

24 (10) President Reagan's commitment to our
25 armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride



1 in America, her principles of ordered liberty, and the
2 heritage of Western Civilization.

3 (11) President Reagan's unshakeable commit-
4 ment to freedom strengthened America's mission to
5 proclaim liberty throughout the world and led to the
6 collapse of global Communism, the fall of the Iron
7 Curtain, and the toppling of the Berlin Wall, giving
8 millions of people across the globe formerly shackled
9 by the Soviets opportunity to live in peace and free-
10 dom.

11 (12) President Reagan marked the beginning of
12 his Presidency by recalling with shame "the series of
13 historical tragedies-beginning with the broken prom-
14 ises of the Yalta Conference-that led to the denial of
15 the most elementary forms of personal freedom and
16 human dignity to millions in Eastern Europe and
17 Asia".

18 (13) President Reagan brought courage to
19 those people cut off from others who lived in free-
20 dom, reminding them that "Until the people of the
21 Baltic States and Eastern Europe are free to choose
22 their own system of government, we will continue to
23 speak up for their rights and champion their cause".

24 (14) President Reagan called the world's atten-
25 tion to the plight of captive nations tyrannized be-



1 hind the Iron Curtain, from Stettin in the Baltic to
2 Trieste in the Adriatic, which included millions of
3 Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Poles, Germans,
4 Czechs, Slovaks, Romanians, Bulgarians, Albanians,
5 Croats, Serbs, Bosnians, and others, reminding us
6 that “Free people, if they are to remain free, must
7 defend the liberty of others”.

8 (15) President Reagan made a promise to “all
9 in Eastern Europe who are separated from neigh-
10 bors and loved ones by an ugly Iron Curtain. And
11 to every person trapped in tyranny, whether in the
12 Ukraine, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Cuba or Viet-
13 nam, we send our love and support, and tell them
14 they are not alone. Your struggle is our struggle,
15 your dream is our dream, and someday, you, too,
16 will be free”.

17 (16) President Ronald Reagan boldly stood at
18 the Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin, on June 12,
19 1987, declaring: “General Secretary Gorbachev, if
20 you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet
21 Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberaliza-
22 tion: Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open
23 this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!”.

24 (17) President Reagan’s vision of “peace
25 through strength” brought the United States victory



1 in the Cold War and freed millions of people from
2 Soviet tyranny.

3 (18) President Reagan reminded his country-
4 men of our calling in world history: “I don’t believe
5 the people I’ve met in almost every State of this
6 Union are ready to consign this, the last island of
7 freedom, to the dust bin of history, along with the
8 bones of dead civilizations of the past. Call it mys-
9 ticism, if you will, but I believe God had a divine
10 purpose in placing this land between the two great
11 oceans to be found by those who had a special love
12 of freedom and the courage to leave the countries of
13 their birth. From our forefathers to our modern-day
14 immigrants, we’ve come from every corner of the
15 earth, from every race and every ethnic background,
16 and we’ve become a new breed in the world. We’re
17 Americans and we have a rendezvous with destiny.”.

18 **SEC. 3. OBVERSE OF DIME COIN TO BEAR LIKENESS OF**

19 **RONALD REAGAN.**

20 Section 5112(d)(1) of title 31, United States Code,
21 is amended by inserting after the 4th sentence the fol-
22 lowing new sentence: “Dime coins issued after such date
23 as the Secretary determines to be appropriate shall bear
24 the likeness of President Ronald Reagan, the Freedom
25 President, in honor of his work in restoring American



- 1 greatness and bringing freedom to captive nations around
- 2 the world.”.

