

Public Law 105–16  
105th Congress

An Act

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Mother Teresa of Calcutta in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions through humanitarian and charitable activities, and for other purposes.

June 2, 1997  
[H.R. 1650]

*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) Mother Teresa of Calcutta has greatly impacted the lives of people in all walks of life in every corner of the world through love and her selfless dedication to humanity and charitable works for nearly 70 years;

(2) Mother Teresa has expanded her personal dedication by founding the Missionaries of Charity, which include well over 3,000 members in 25 countries, who devote their entire lives to serving the poor without accepting any material reward in return;

(3) Mother Teresa has been recognized as a humanitarian around the world and has been recognized in the form of—

(A) the first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize (1971);

(B) the Jawaharal Nehru Award for International Understanding (1972);

(C) the Nobel Peace Prize (1979); and

(D) the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1985);

(4) Mother Teresa is a tool of God;

(5) God's love flowing through Mother Teresa has forever impacted the culture and history of the world; and

(6) Mother Teresa truly leads by example and shows the people of the world the way to live by love for mankind.

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

31 USC 5111  
note.

(a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—The President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design to Mother Teresa of Calcutta in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions to humanitarian and charitable activities.

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

31 USC 5111  
note.

**SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, 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.

31 USC 5111  
note.

**SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is hereby authorized to be charged against the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay for the cost of the medal authorized by this Act.

(b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be deposited in the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund.

Approved June 2, 1997.

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