

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end the following:

1 **DIVISION F—ROSIE THE RIV-**
2 **ETER CONGRESSIONAL GOLD**
3 **MEDAL**

4 **SEC. 6001. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This division may be cited as the “Rosie the Riveter
6 Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020”.

7 **SEC. 6002. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

9 (1) Over 70 years ago there was a call to ac-
10 tion, a demand for workers to fill the vacancies left
11 by the men who went to fight in the war.

12 (2) More than 6 million women answered the
13 call then, entering the workforce during World War
14 II and providing the equipment, weaponry and am-
15 munition to achieve final victory and end the war.

16 (3) These women left their homes to work or
17 volunteer full-time in factories, farms, shipyards, air-
18 plane factories, banks, and other institutions in sup-
19 port of the military overseas.

1 (4) They worked with the United Service Orga-
2 nizations and the American Red Cross, drove trucks,
3 riveted airplane parts, collected critical materials,
4 rolled bandages, and served on rationing boards.

5 (5) Our “Rosie the Riveter”, the women who
6 worked and sacrificed to strengthen this country
7 during World War II, are among the greatest living
8 heroines in the United States.

9 (6) These women persevered, despite often fac-
10 ing harassment from their male colleagues and dis-
11 approval from their male family members, and all
12 the while continued to maintain their “other jobs”
13 as caretakers of children and their households.

14 (7) Minority women also overcame long-held
15 policies of discrimination and made significant con-
16 tributions to the war effort.

17 (8) Because of the “Rosies”, Federal, State,
18 and local agencies coordinated with business owners
19 to develop childcare programs and other supports for
20 working mothers.

21 (9) The example that these women set during
22 World War II continues to inspire us and blaze a
23 path for the working women and young girls of
24 today.

1 (10) Specifically, the images of “Rosie the Riv-
2 eter” and the phrase “We Can Do It” continue to
3 symbolize the empowerment of women today, rep-
4 resenting patriotic women who want to serve and
5 strengthen their country, and to inspire young girls
6 to become “21st Century Rosies” by aspiring to, and
7 attaining positions of leadership in all walks of life
8 in America.

9 **SEC. 6003. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this division:

11 (1) **ROSIE THE RIVETER.**—The term “Rosie the
12 Riveter” includes any female individual who held
13 employment or volunteered in support of the war ef-
14 forts during World War II.

15 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of the Treasury.

17 **SEC. 6004. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

18 (a) **AWARD AUTHORIZED.**—The Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives and the President pro tempore
20 of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the
21 award, on behalf of Congress, of a single gold medal of
22 appropriate design in commemoration to Rosie the Riv-
23 eter, collectively, in recognition of their contributions to
24 the Nation and the inspiration they have provided to ensu-
25 ing generations.

1 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
2 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
3 Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall
4 strike the gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and
5 inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

6 (c) NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the award of the
8 gold medal under subsection (a), the gold medal
9 shall be given to the National Museum of American
10 History of the Smithsonian Institution, where it
11 shall be available for display as appropriate and
12 made available for research.

13 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
14 Congress that the National Museum of American
15 History shall make the gold medal received under
16 paragraph (1) available for display elsewhere, par-
17 ticularly at other appropriate locations associated
18 with Rosie the Riveter, including the National WWII
19 Museum and U.S. military museums.

20 **SEC. 6005. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

21 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
22 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 6004
23 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
24 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,

1 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
2 and the cost of the gold medal.

3 **SEC. 6006. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

4 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
5 ant to this division are national medals for purposes of
6 chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

7 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
8 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
9 under this division shall be considered to be numismatic
10 items.

