

Public Law 102-33  
102d Congress

An Act

To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to General Colin L. Powell, and to provide for the production of bronze duplicates of such medal for sale to the public.

Apr. 23, 1991  
[S. 565]

*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) General Colin L. Powell, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, the principal military adviser to the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense has displayed an extraordinary degree of leadership, competence and professionalism fulfilling his statutory responsibilities throughout Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

(2) The leadership, competence and professionalism of General Powell and his subordinates, officers and noncommissioned officers, have instilled great confidence and pride in the Armed Forces of the United States which contributed significantly to the successful prosecution of the Persian Gulf War.

(3) General Powell and his subordinates brilliantly planned and coordinated at the national level the highly rapid and successful mobilization and deployment of more than one-half million men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States to the Persian Gulf region.

(4) General Powell's leadership and foresight were directly responsible for insuring that sufficient military forces and logistics were committed to the foregoing operations in a timely manner to bring about a swift and decisive military victory with casualties and loss of life at levels so low as to be unprecedented in the annals of military operations by any nation.

(5) The superb coordination among allied forces and the unique and exceptional command arrangements which produced the highly effective chain of command within the allied coalition is directly attributed to the military competence, and extraordinary leadership of General Powell.

(6) As the principal military advisor to the President of the United States, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense, General Powell's clear and farsighted assessments, judgments and recommendations were invaluable and instrumental in the timely and decisive military actions directed by the President which resulted in Iraqi compliance with all United Nations resolutions related to the Iraqi invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

31 USC 5111  
note.

(a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—The President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to General Colin L. Powell a gold medal of appropriate design in recognition of his exemplary

performance as a military leader and advisor to the President in planning and coordinating the military response of the United States to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the ultimate retreat and defeat of Iraqi forces and Iraqi acceptance of all United Nations Resolutions relating to Kuwait.

(b) **DESIGN AND STRIKING.**—For purposes of the presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter referred to in this Act 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 bronze duplicates of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2, under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, and may sell such bronze duplicates 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.**

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 authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$30,000 to carry out section 2.

(b) **PROCEEDS OF SALES.**—Amounts received from sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be credited to the appropriation made pursuant to the authorization provided in subsection (a).

Approved April 23, 1991.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 565:**

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