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To award Congressional Gold Medals to Metropolitan Police Officers Officer Michael Collazo and Officer Rex Englebert, in recognition of their exceptional bravery and valor in confronting an active shooter at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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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 “Covenant School He-
5 roes Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) At 10:13 a.m., on March 27, 2023, Metro-
4 politan Nashville Police confirmed an active shooter
5 situation was taking place at The Covenant School,
6 a private Christian school in Nashville, Tennessee.
7 The shooter took six lives that day, three children
8 and three adults.

9 (2) After the first 911 call about shots being
10 fired in the building, officers rushed to the campus.
11 They made entry shortly after 10:13 a.m. and began
12 clearing the building.

13 (3) Officers report that shots were heard com-
14 ing from the second level. On the second floor, in a
15 common area, a team of officers encountered the
16 shooter where she had been firing through a window
17 at arriving police cars.

18 (4) Two members of an officer team, Officer
19 Rex Englebert and Officer Michael Collazo, fired on
20 the shooter and fatally wounded her.

21 (5) The victims were identified as Evelyn
22 Dieckhaus, William Kinney, and Hallie Scruggs, all
23 aged nine, and Mike Hill, 61, Cynthia Peak, 61, and
24 Katherine Koonce, 60.

25 (6) Officers Michael Collazo and Officer Rex
26 Englebert of the Metropolitan Nashville Police De-

1 partment exemplified incredible bravery, valor, and
2 courage against the suspect.

3 (7) These officers have dedicated their lives to
4 protecting their community, and their heroism de-
5 serves great honor.

6 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

7 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZATION.—The Speaker
8 of the House of Representatives and the President pro
9 tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrange-
10 ments for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of
11 two gold medals of appropriate design to Metropolitan Po-
12 lice Officers Michael Collazo and Officer Rex Englebert,
13 in recognition of their exceptional bravery and valor in
14 confronting an active shooter at the Covenant School in
15 Nashville, Tennessee.

16 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
17 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
18 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
19 retary”) shall strike the gold medals with suitable em-
20 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
21 Secretary.

22 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

23 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
24 bronze of the gold medals struck under section 3, at a

1 price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
2 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

3 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

4 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—Medals struck pursuant to
5 this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51
6 of title 31, United States Code.

7 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
8 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
9 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
10 items.

11 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
12 **SALE.**

13 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
14 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
15 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
16 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
17 to this Act.

18 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—The amounts received
19 from the sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under
20 section 3 shall be deposited into the United States Mint
21 Public Enterprise Fund.