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# H. R. 8019

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself, Mr. CLOUD, Ms. CROCKETT, and Mr. WEBER of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “Selena Commemorative  
5 Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Selena Quintanilla, born on April 16, 1971,  
9 was a South Texas music artist who greatly contrib-

1       uted to the rise of Tejano music and culture across  
2       the United States.

3           (2) She was an extremely talented young artist  
4       who started singing at the age of eight. Her parents  
5       took joy in her talent and had her start performing  
6       with her family. The band they formed was known  
7       as Selena y Los Dinos. Selena was just thirteen  
8       years old when she was introduced on the Johnny  
9       Canales Show.

10          (3) Selena first won the Tejano Music Awards'  
11       "Female Vocalist of the Year" in 1986 at the age  
12       of fifteen. From 1987 to 1996, she won as "Female  
13       Entertainer of the Year" every year, along with  
14       other awards such as "Song of the Year".

15          (4) Selena's musical accomplishments are rec-  
16       ognized by the Guinness World Record where she  
17       holds the most wins of Female Entertainer of the  
18       Year at the Tejano Music Awards.

19          (5) Selena's album Selena Live! won a Grammy  
20       Award in 1994, making her the first Tejano artist  
21       to win a Grammy. Also in 1994, Texas Monthly  
22       named her one of the twenty most influential Tex-  
23       ans.

24          (6) Selena's fourth album, Amor Prohibido, be-  
25       came the first Tejano record to peak at number one

1 on the Billboard Top Latin Albums chart. As of Oc-  
2 tober 2017, it is the fourth best-selling Latin album  
3 of all time in the United States with over 1.2 million  
4 copies sold.

5 (7) Selena’s final album, *Dreaming of You*, was  
6 released after her death in 1995 and was the first  
7 Tejano album to debut atop the United States Bill-  
8 board 200.

9 (8) Aside from her musical contributions,  
10 Selena also was passionate about public service. She  
11 participated with the Texas Prevention Partnership,  
12 sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and  
13 Drug Abuse Tour to Schools. She was involved with  
14 the D.A.R.E. program and worked with the Coastal  
15 Bend Aids Foundation. Selena also taped a public  
16 service announcement for the Houston Area Wom-  
17 en’s Center, a shelter for battered women, in 1993.

18 (9) After her untimely death at the age of 23,  
19 she was honored in many ways. Then Texas Gov-  
20 ernor George W. Bush proclaimed April 16, 1995,  
21 “Selena Day”.

22 (10) *Selena*, a movie about Selena’s life, was re-  
23 leased in 1997 and starred Jennifer Lopez in the  
24 leading role.

1           (11) The City of Corpus Christi unveiled a life-  
2           size bronze statue of Selena, named “Mirador de la  
3           Flor”, or Overlook of the Flower, in 1997 to honor  
4           Selena Quintanilla-Perez and her contributions to  
5           music and Corpus Christi.

6           (12) In 2011, the United States Postal Service  
7           honored Selena as a “Latin Legend” with the  
8           issuance of a memorial postage stamp.

9           (13) Selena did not realize all of her dreams,  
10          but she remains a beacon for young Tejanas and  
11          Latinas in Texas and the United States to follow  
12          their dreams.

13 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

14          (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration  
15          of Selena Quintanilla, the Secretary of the Treasury (here-  
16          after in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint  
17          and issue the following coins:

18               (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5  
19               coins, which shall—

20                       (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

21                       (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

22                       (C) contain not less than 90 percent gold.

23               (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000  
24               \$1 coins, which shall—

25                       (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

1 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

2 (C) contain not less than 90 percent silver.

3 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more  
4 than 750,000 half-dollar coins which shall—

5 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

6 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

7 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-  
8 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title  
9 31, United States Code.

10 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this  
11 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of  
12 title 31, United States Code.

13 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
14 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins  
15 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
16 matic items.

17 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

18 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs for the coins  
20 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of Selena  
21 Quintanilla and her life and accomplishments. At  
22 least one obverse design shall bear the image of  
23 Selena Quintanilla.

24 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
25 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

1 (A) a designation of the denomination of  
2 the coin;

3 (B) an inscription of the year “2029”; and

4 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,  
5 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
6 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

7 (b) SELECTION.—The designs for the coins minted  
8 under this Act shall be—

9 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation  
10 with the Friends of the Corpus Christi Museum of  
11 Science and History; and

12 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
13 Committee.

14 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

15 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this  
16 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

17 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
18 issue coins minted under this Act only during the calendar  
19 year beginning on January 1, 2029.

20 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

21 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act  
22 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price based upon the  
23 sum of—

24 (1) the face value of the coins;

1           (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with  
2           respect to such coins; and

3           (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
4           (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
5           overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

6           (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
7           sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
8           discount.

9           (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
11           prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
12           before the issuance of the coins.

13           (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
14           paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
15           sonable discount.

16 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

17           (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under  
18           this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

19           (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

20           (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

21           (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half-dol-  
22           lar coin.

23           (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
24           title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
25           the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act

1 shall be paid to the Friends of the Corpus Christi Museum  
2 of Science and History for application to general expenses  
3 associated with the fulfillment of the mission of the  
4 Friends the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and His-  
5 tory, including costs associated with—

6 (1) museum operations; and

7 (2) a Selena exhibit.

8 (c) AUDITS.—The Friends of the Corpus Christi Mu-  
9 seum of Science and History shall be subject to the audit  
10 requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United  
11 States Code, with regard to the amounts received under  
12 subsection (b).

13 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
14 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
15 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
16 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
17 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-  
18 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2  
19 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under  
20 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code. The  
21 Secretary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

22 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

23 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-  
24 essary to ensure that—



1           (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act  
2 will not result in any net cost to the Federal Govern-  
3 ment; and

4           (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,  
5 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section  
6 7(b) until to the total cost of designing and issuing  
7 all of the coins authorized by this Act, including  
8 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-  
9 penses, marketing, and shipping is recovered by the  
10 United States Treasury, consistent with sections  
11 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31, United States  
12 Code.

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