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H.R. 1726 - To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers, as amended (Posey, R-FL)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on May 19, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: [H.R. 1726](#) directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to present a single gold medal, created by the Secretary of the Treasury in honor of the 65th Infantry Regiment (the “Borinqueneers”) collectively, to the Smithsonian Institution. The Secretary of the Treasury can create and sell duplicate medals.

Additional Information: The 65th Infantry Regiment consisted of Puerto Rican soldiers that served in segregated units. The Borinqueneers were highly decorated for their combat service.

Committee Action: The legislation was introduced on April 25, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services and the House Committee on House Administration. No further Committee action was taken on the bill.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office cost estimate was available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 5 of the Constitution of the United States: To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures; Article I, Section 8, Clause 12 of the Constitution of the United States: To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years; Article I, Section 8, Clause 16 of the Constitution of the United States: To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions; Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States: The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the forgoing Powers, and all other vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United St Department or Officer thereof.” Congressman Posey’s statement in the Congressional Record can be viewed [here](#).

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H.R. 2203 - To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy, as amended (Tiberi, R-OH)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on May 19, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: [H.R. 2203](#) directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to present a single gold medal to Jack Nicklaus. This medal will be created by the Secretary of the Treasury in honor of Mr. Nicklaus. The Secretary of the Treasury can create and sell duplicate medals.

Additional Information: Jack Nicklaus is the only player in golf history to have won each major championship at least three times.

Committee Action: The legislation was introduced on May 23, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. No further Committee action was taken on the bill.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office cost estimate was available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution--To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.” Congressman Tiberi’s statement in the Congressional Record can be viewed [here](#).

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H.R. 2939 - A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres, as amended (*Kennedy, D-MA*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on May 19, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: [H.R. 2939](#) directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to present a single gold medal to the current President of Israel, Shimon Peres. This medal will be created by the Secretary of the Treasury in honor of President Peres. The Secretary of the Treasury can create and sell duplicate medals.

Additional Information: This medal would be the first Congressional Gold Medal awarded to a sitting President of Israel.

Committee Action: The legislation was introduced on August 1, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. No further Committee action was taken on the bill.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8.” Congressman Kennedy’s statement in the Congressional Record can be viewed [here](#).

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H.R. 3658 - Monuments Men Recognition Act of 2013 (Granger, R-TX)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on May 19, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: [H.R. 3658](#) directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to present a single gold medal, created by the Secretary of the Treasury in honor of the “Monuments Men” collectively, to the Smithsonian Institution. The Secretary of the Treasury can create and sell duplicate medals.

Additional Information: The “Monuments Men” protected and repatriated works of art, monuments, and artifacts of cultural significance in Europe during World War II. This was necessary because Adolf Hitler and the Nazis engaged in widespread theft of art.

Committee Action: The legislation was introduced on December 5, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. No further Committee action was taken.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution.” Rep. Granger’s statement in the Congressional Record can be viewed [here](#).

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H.R. 1209 - To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the “Doolittle Tokyo Raiders”, for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo (Olson, R-TX)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on May 19, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: [H.R. 1209](#) directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to present a single gold medal, created by the Secretary of the Treasury in honor of the World War II members of the “Doolittle Tokyo Raiders” collectively, to the Smithsonian Institution. The Secretary of the Treasury can create and sell duplicate medals.

Additional Information: The “Doolittle Tokyo Raiders” were the 80 members of the 17th Bombardment Group (medium) that launched an attack on Tokyo, Japan, in World War II. As of February 2013, only five of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders were alive. More information can be found on the Naval History website [here](#).

Committee Action: The legislation was introduced on March 13, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. No further Committee action was taken on the bill.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8--The Congress shall have the power . . . to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures. Article 1, Section 8--The Congress shall have the power . . . to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.” Congressman Olson’s statement in the Congressional Record can be viewed [here](#).

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S. 309 - A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol (*Harkin, D-IA*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on May 19, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: [S. 309](#) directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to present a single gold medal, created by the Secretary of the Treasury in honor of the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol collectively, to the Smithsonian Institution. The Secretary of the Treasury can create and sell duplicate medals.

Additional Information: The Civil Air Patrol was a civilian-based air patrol during World War II consisting of volunteer pilots that used their own aircraft to patrol the U.S. coastal shipping lanes for enemy vessels.

Committee Action: The legislation was introduced on February 13, 2013, and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. On May 20, 2013, the Committee discharged the bill. On May 20, 2013, the bill passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: Senate bills are not required to have a Statement of Constitutional Authority.

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H.R. 685 - American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act (Johnson, R-TX)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on May 19, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: [H.R. 685](#) directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to present a single gold medal, created by the Secretary of the Treasury in honor of the American Fighter Aces collectively, to the Smithsonian Institution. The Secretary of the Treasury can create and sell duplicate medals.

Additional Information: According to the [American Fighter Aces Association](#) (AFFA) there are 1,450 combat pilots that obtained the status of “ace” by destroying five or more enemy aircraft in combat out of a total of 60,000 military fighter pilots.

Committee Action: The legislation was introduced on February 14, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. No further Committee action was taken on the bill.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: According to the sponsor, “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution.” Congressman Johnson’s statement in the Congressional Record can be viewed [here](#).

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H.R. 4268 — To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to United States Route 78 in Mississippi, and for other purposes (Nunnelee, R-MS)

Order of Business: H.R. 4268 is expected to be considered on May 19, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Summary: H.R. 4268 would prohibit federal weight limitations for trucks from applying on the U.S. Route 78 segment (mile marker 0 to 113) that will be designated as part of the Interstate Highway System if those trucks could legally operate on the segment prior to the designation.

Additional Background: U.S. Route 78 in Mississippi is expected to become Interstate 22 later this year. In Mississippi, trucks can be permitted to operate at up to 84,000 pounds on U.S. Route 78. However, federal truck weight limitations prohibit trucks over [80,000 pounds](#) on the Interstate system. This legislation is necessary to grandfather trucks currently operating on this road.

Committee Action: H.R. 4268 was introduced on March 14, 2014, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. No further action was taken by the Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO cost estimate is not available at this time.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 and Article I, Section 8, Clause 17.”

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