

HR 1538

True American Heroes Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commemorations

Introduced: Apr 1, 2003

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban A

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Sep 11, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Apr 1, 2003
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Apr 1, 2003
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Apr 1, 2003
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Sep 10, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 11, 2003
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 11, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commemorations

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

True American Heroes Act of 2003 - **Title I: Medals for Responders and Resisters** - Directs the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate to make arrangements for the posthumous award of congressional gold medals to: (1) the emergency workers, government employees, and others who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and perished in the tragic events of September 11, 2001; (2) each passenger and crew member on board United Airlines Flight 93 who is identified by the Attorney General as having helped resist the hijackers before the crash; and (3) officers, emergency workers, and other Federal employees who responded to the attacks on the Pentagon and perished that day. Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to strike such medals and to strike gold duplicates of the first medal for presentation to the Governor of New York, the Mayor of New York City, and other specified police, fire, medical, and Port Authority officials and stations in New York and New Jersey. Authorizes the Secretary to strike and sell duplicate bronze medals.

Title II: Spirit of America Commemorative Coins - Directs the Secretary to mint and issue \$50-dollar gold coins, one-dollar silver coins, and half-dollar clad coins emblematic of the tragic events that occurred at the Pentagon, in New York City, and in Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. Sets forth surcharges for the coins minted under this title (not less than \$100 per \$50 coin, ten dollars per dollar coin, and five dollars per half-dollar coin), with the proceeds in excess of the cost of producing the gold coins to be used to cover the costs of producing the gold medals under title I not recovered from the sale of duplicate bronze medals, with any amount remaining to be transferred to a victims fund determined to be appropriate.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 11, 2003:** Consideration initiated pursuant to a previous order.
- **Sep 11, 2003:** Considered pursuant to a previous order. (consideration: CR H8201-8207)
- **Sep 11, 2003:** DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous special order, the House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 1538.
- **Sep 11, 2003:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to a previous order of the House.
- **Sep 11, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by voice vote.(text: CR H8201-8203)
- **Sep 11, 2003:** On passage Passed by voice vote. (text: CR H8201-8203)
- **Sep 11, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 11, 2003:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology.
- **Apr 1, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 1, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 1, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.