

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 358
OFFERED BY MR. OXLEY OF OHIO

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Little Rock Central
3 High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemo-
4 rative Coin Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 The Congress finds the following:

7 (1) September 2007, marks the 50th anniver-
8 sary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central
9 High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

10 (2) In 1957, Little Rock Central High was the
11 site of the first major national test for the imple-
12 mentation of the historic decision of the United
13 States Supreme Court in *Brown, et al. v. Board of*
14 *Education of Topeka, et al.*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954).

15 (3) The courage of the “Little Rock Nine” (Er-
16 nest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Melba Pattillo, Jef-
17 ferson Thomas, Carlotta Walls, Terrence Roberts,
18 Gloria Ray, Thelma Mothershed, and Minnijean

1 Brown) who stood in the face of violence, was influ-
2 ential to the Civil Rights movement and changed
3 American history by providing an example on which
4 to build greater equality.

5 (4) The desegregation of Little Rock Central
6 High by the 9 African American students was recog-
7 nized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as such a sig-
8 nificant event in the struggle for civil rights that in
9 May 1958, he attended the graduation of the first
10 African American from Little Rock Central High
11 School.

12 (5) A commemorative coin will bring national
13 and international attention to the lasting legacy of
14 this important event.

15 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

16 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
17 ury (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
18 shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 \$1 coins each
19 of which shall—

20 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

21 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

22 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
23 copper.

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

4 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
5 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
6 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

7 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

8 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The design of the
9 coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
10 desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School and
11 its contribution to civil rights in America.

12 (b) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin
13 minted under this Act there shall be—

- 14 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;
15 (2) an inscription of the year “2007”; and
16 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
17 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
18 “E Pluribus Unum”.

19 (c) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
20 under this Act shall be—

- 21 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
22 with the Commission of Fine Arts; and
23 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
24 Committee established under section 5135 of title
25 31, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

4 (b) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary
5 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January
6 1, 2007, except that the Secretary may initiate sales of
7 such coins, without issuance, before such date.

8 (c) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No
9 coins shall be minted under this Act after December 31,
10 2007.

11 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

12 (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
13 sion of law, the coins issued under this Act shall be sold
14 by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the face
15 value of the coins, the surcharge required under section
16 7(a) for the coins, and the cost of designing and issuing
17 such coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machin-
18 ery, overhead expenses, and marketing).

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

22 (c) PREPAID ORDERS AT A DISCOUNT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
24 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
25 before the issuance of such coins.

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

4 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

5 (a) SURCHARGE REQUIRED.—All sales shall include
6 a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

7 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
8 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which are re-
9 ceived by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under
10 this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the
11 Secretary of the Interior for the protection, preservation,
12 and interpretation of resources and stories associated with
13 Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site,
14 including the following:

15 (1) Site improvements at Little Rock Central
16 High School National Historic Site.

17 (2) Development of interpretive and education
18 programs and historic preservation projects.

19 (3) Establishment of cooperative agreements to
20 preserve or restore the historic character of the Park
21 Street and Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive corridors
22 adjacent to the site.