



**S.789**

**THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN SERVICE COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT *in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE***

On March 14, 2023 Senators Chris Van Hollen and Dan Sullivan introduced S.789, the United States Foreign Service Commemorative Coin Act. This bipartisan, **budget-neutral** legislation calls on the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin to commemorate the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the United States Foreign Service. The companion bill is H.R.3537, introduced by Representative Abigail Spanberger. **290** Representatives and **67** Senators must cosponsor for this bill to be sent to the floor for adoption.

Career United States Foreign Service officers are the federal government’s primary professional cadre charged with the conduct of U.S. diplomacy, representing the United States abroad in peace and war. This coin will recognize a **century of contributions and sacrifices by Foreign Service personnel to advance America’s prosperity and security**. Aside from firefighters, no other unarmed civilian workforce faces such constant danger and has experienced such loss of life, sustained stress, injuries and health hazards as the United States Foreign Service. The names of 321 Foreign Service personnel who died in service to America are etched on memorial plaques in the entry to the State Department.

The U.S. Mint reimburses itself for production costs from revenues generated by the sale of the coins. **Excess revenue will support the modernization, curation and sharing of the expansive and publicly available foreign affairs oral history collection of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training** (<https://adst.org>, [info@adst.org](mailto:info@adst.org)).

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

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