

I voted Yes on H.R. 2527, the National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act. This bill, which I sponsored, would authorize the U.S. Mint to produce \$5 gold coins, \$1 silver coins, and half-dollar clad coins in 2015 to recognize and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

The bill specifies a surcharge on the sales price of the coins to the public. The Hall of Fame, a nonprofit entity, would receive the income from the surcharges. Because the coins sell to willing buyers for the cost of production plus a surcharge, the Congressional Budget Office says the bill has no cost to the Treasury and no cost to the American taxpayer.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame Museum in Cooperstown is a repository of the rich history of our national pastime. It houses the world's largest collection of baseball artifacts and is an educational institution that reaches 10 million Americans annually.

My focus is always on Upstate and this is an effective way to draw national attention to a great asset in Cooperstown. I hope it will encourage baseball fans the world over to visit our region and boost the economy of our communities. That is why I sponsored this bill, along with 296 bipartisan cosponsors, and proudly voted Yes.