



## S. 254 – A BILL TO AWARD POSTHUMOUSLY A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO CONSTANTINO BRUMIDI

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### FLOOR SITUATION

S. 254 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY) on January 10, 2007. S. 254 passed the Senate with an amendment by unanimous consent on May 21, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services, but was never considered.

S. 254 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 10, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

S. 254 requires Congress to make appropriate arrangements for the posthumous presentation of a congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi. The bill also authorizes the Architect of the Capitol to display the medal in the Capitol Visitor Center as part of an exhibit honoring Constantino Brumidi.

The bill additionally requires the Secretary of the Treasury to design the medal with suitable emblems and inscriptions. S. 254 also authorizes funds to pay for the cost of the medals to be charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund. The Secretary may also design and sell duplicate bronze medals, proceeds of which will be deposited into the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

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### BACKGROUND

Constantino Brumidi was born on July 26, 1805 in Rome, Italy. Beginning in 1855, after emigrating to the United States and becoming a citizen, Constantino Brumidi designed and decorated one House and five Senate committee rooms in the Capitol. Brumidi also designed the Senate Reception Room, the Office of the Vice President and the President's Room.

In 1865, Constantino Brumidi completed his painting "The Apotheosis of Washington" in the oculus of the Capitol dome. In 1878, Brumidi began work on the Rotunda frieze, which chronicles American history. Constantino Brumidi died in 1880 at the age of 74.

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### COST

The Congressional Budget Office "estimates that enacting S. 254 would not significantly increase direct spending from the U.S. Mint Public Enterprise Fund." [CBO Cost Estimate for S. 254.](#)

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