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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
11TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

Dear Colleague:

In 2020, the United States of America will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

To recognize this occasion, I have introduced the Mayflower Commemorative Coin Act. The bill directs the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower.

As you may know, Congressional coin bills are relatively routine. Some examples of previously passed coin bills include the commemoration of the bicentennial of the Congress and most recently a coin was minted to honor Boys Town. Coin bills are revenue-neutral and are of no additional burden on the American taxpayer.

Proceeds from the surcharge of the sale of coins will be distributed to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD), the Wampanoag Nation, various not-for-profit organizations in Plymouth, and GSMD State Societies throughout the United States.

The proceeds will be used to fund educational, scholarship, and outreach programs to help keep alive the incredible history of the Pilgrims – including a 50 year peace treaty with the Wampanoags and the creation of Mayflower Compact which influenced the U.S. Constitution and was our country's first example of self-governance in the new world.

Today, descendants of the Mayflower can be found in nearly every district across the country. In order for the bill to reach the floor for a vote it must have at least two-thirds of the Members of the House as cosponsors. I would greatly appreciate your support in an effort to honor this important occasion.

If you would like to become a cosponsor of the Mayflower Commemorative Coin Act, or have any questions, please contact Gary Timmins in my office at 5-3515 or at gary.timmins@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Foster".

Bill Foster
Member of Congress