

NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:

LOBBY CONGRESS TO PASS THE CHARLIE KIRK COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT.

BACKGROUND. In the aftermath of the horrific assassination of Charlie Kirk, Congress is formulating several pieces of legislation to honor his devotion and contributions to our nation. Resolutions and testimonials are increasing in the Halls of Congress. One of the efforts seeks to pass legislation to create and distribute a commemorative coin in honor of Charlie Kirk, who rose in prominence to become a champion for the open exchange of ideas and founded Turning Point USA, growing this organization into grassroots groups focused on involving our youth in the political process on college campuses and high schools across America.

THE BILL. Conservative Cong. August Pfluger (TX) and Abe Hamadeh (AZ) have introduced **HR 5580**. Pfluger is the chairman of the Republican Study Committee. Their bill would require the Sec. of the Treasury to mint 400,000 \$1 silver coins to commemorate the life of Charlie Kirk, a conservative activist who inspired a generation of young Americans to value and practice the core freedoms in our 1st Amendment. These coins would become legal tender, distributed only during 2026. The front of the coin would feature an image of Kirk, the reverse side the inscription “well done, good and faithful servant.” They also would have the year 2026 inscribed and the U.S. full name and motto. After consultation with the President and review by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, the Secretary will select the design. The coin would mark a historic first, immortalizing the youngest American on legal U.S. currency, honorably taking his place among presidents, Founding Fathers, and famous



figures who have helped shape our nation. Examples of individuals previously honored are Christopher Columbus, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall, and Susan B. Anthony. “Charles “Charlie” James Kirk was an American treasure,” said Cong. Hamadeh, “So, it’s only fitting that we create a treasured commemorative coin in his honor. Since 1892, Congress has authorized commemorative coins to celebrate and honor historic American patriots. I have full confidence that Charlie Kirk will go down in history as one of the most influential men of our great nation’s history, liberating young minds from the pernicious hold of leftists in our academic

institutions and ushering in an era of brave faithfulness and national pride.” “Charlie Kirk was a conservative titan whose transformational impact on millions of Americans deserves permanent recognition alongside our nation’s greatest leaders and influential figures,” said Cong. Pfluger, “Through his leadership of Turning Point USA and relentless advocacy for American values, Charlie built a movement whose torch we will proudly carry forward to defend our nation’s core principles for generations to come.”¹ The bill highlights Kirk’s dedication to promoting American exceptionalism and encouraging citizens to fulfill their civic responsibilities.² The push for the coin is part of a wider wave of tributes from Republican lawmakers, highlighting the profound impact that Kirk had on conservative politics and the ongoing debate over his legacy. The coin value to collectors likely would far exceed its \$1 face value.³ The bill has 16 co-sponsors, including NE Cong. Bacon and Flood. The bill is in the House Financial Services Comm., awaiting a vote to advance it to the full House for debate.

TAKE ACTION NOW. Although the U.S. Treasury Dept. does not require congressional approval for individual likenesses to become placed on currency, we urge NTF members to strongly lobby our NE congressional delegation to pass **HR 5580**. Charlie Kirk proudly withstood withering criticism and harassment for years when he visited college campuses, clearly and succinctly advocating for limited government and fiscal responsibility. Taxpayers owe him and his memory an enormous debt. This commemorative coin will symbolize his standing tall for all of us who actively lobby for a government envisioned by our Founding Fathers. Using the content above, lobby your congressman today to pass **HR 5580**. Email netaxpayers@gmail.com for congressional contact information and join our NTF *Congress Watch Project*.

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¹ Republican Study Comm., Rep. Hamadeh and Chairman Pfluger Introduce Legislation to Honor Charlie Kirk with Commemorative Silver Dollar Coin, Sept. 24, 2025.

² The Metropolitan, Jason Minero, Lawmakers Propose Commemorative Coin Honoring Charlie Kirk, Sept. 25, 2025.

³ House and Whips, Could Charlie Kirk Soon Be on a US Coin? The Story Behind the Silver Dollar Proposal, Sept. 25, 2025.