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ANA Urges Senate to Pass Old Mint Commemorative Coin Act

Colorado Springs, Colorado – The American Numismatic Association is encouraging its members to contact U.S. Senators to support a bill that would allow commemorative coins to be minted to raise funds for the American Money and Gold Rush Museum.

AMGRM, which would be housed in the Old Mint building in San Francisco in conjunction with the San Francisco Historical Society Museum, will be dedicated to American numismatics with a special emphasis on the California Gold Rush and its impact on numismatics.

The San Francisco Old Mint Commemorative Coin Act has been passed by the House of Representatives and awaits approval by the Senate as Senate Bill 1881. The bill would authorize the U.S. mint to issue 100,000 \$5 gold coins and 500,000 \$1 silver coins emblematic of the Old Mint, commonly known as "The Granite Lady."

If the bill does not pass during the current session, Congress, by law, would have to wait until 2010 before reintroducing the bill.

"This is such a great opportunity to honor the Old Mint and help restore this historic building in downtown San Francisco," said ANA Executive Director Chris Cipoletti. "This exciting new museum will be a national showcase of numismatic history, and give visitors a new prism through which to view the social and cultural history of the Gold Rush."

For more information about AMGRM, visit www.money.org.

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 33,000 members, the Association serves the academic community, collectors and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars.

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