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Lions Coin Bill Passes in United States Congress

Oak Brook, Illinois, USA, September 25, 2012 – The United States Congress passed the Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act. This was the result of the tireless work of Lions club members across the United States. With the passage of H.R. 2139 in the House and S. 1299 in the Senate, the bill will become a law pending President Barack Obama’s signature.

The US\$1 coin will be available in 2017 to celebrate Lions Clubs International’s 100th anniversary. In addition to highlighting a century of charitable services to people in need, US\$10 of every commemorative coin sold – without any cost to taxpayers – will be donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation. These funds will support ongoing Lions programs that assist the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disasters.

Throughout the last century, Lions clubs have played a lead role in the fight against blindness by preventing vision loss for more than 30 million people. Additionally, Lions efforts have saved the sight of more than 14 million children through eye screenings, surgeries, vaccinations and other treatments.

“This coin will gain exposure to those unfamiliar with our organization, encourage Lions to move forward with their selfless volunteer service and will raise critical resources to continue to help those in need,” said Lions Clubs International President Wayne A. Madden.

“On behalf of Lions clubs and our communities, I would like to express our appreciation to the sponsors of the Commemorative Coin Bill, Senator Jerry Moran of Kansas and Representative Peter Roskam of Illinois. It is thanks to their determined efforts along with the support of all of our House and Senate co-sponsors that this bill is on President Obama’s desk. Lions should be proud of our advocacy and outreach success in getting such broad support for the Coin Bill.”