



FIRST SPOUSE SERIES

ONE-HALF OUNCE PROOF AND UNCIRCULATED COINS

HIGHLY COLLECTABLE SERIES

American First Ladies are now honored with First Spouse Gold Coins, which are one-half ounce, 24 karat pure gold coins minted in collector proof and uncirculated versions. This series of gold coins introduced in 2007 and set to last until 2016 compliment and are released on the same schedule as the US Mint Presidential \$1 program which honors past Presidents at a rate of four gold coins each year.



THE FIRST SPOUSE GOLD COINS PROGRAM

The program is the first to feature women in a consecutive series of legal tender coins. The series of gold coins is authorized through the Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005, which was signed into law (Public Law 109-145) on Dec. 22, 2005 by President George Bush. It calls for the following coin specifications:

- A \$10 denomination
- The same diameter as the \$1 coins
- Issued as counterparts and during the same period as the circulating Presidential \$1 coins

There are two cases where a President has had more than one wife during service and two coins are issued, like John Tyler. Tyler's first wife Letitia died during his second year in office.

Tyler later married Julia while still President. Under the program, both Letitia and Julia First Spouse Coins were produced.



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The Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005 contains a provision for the continuity of the First Spouse Coin Program in the event that a President served without a spouse. The provision calls for a gold coin to be issued bearing an obverse design emblematic of Liberty as represented on a United States coin issued during the President's period of service and a reverse image emblematic of themes of that President. This provision applies to Andrew Jackson, who was widowed shortly before he took office.

Andrew Jackson, known as "Old Hickory," is remembered as a war hero who led a force of approximately 4,000 American troops against a British Army more than twice that size and emerged victorious in January 1815 at the Battle of New Orleans. Although a treaty had been signed at Ghent, Belgium, weeks earlier, the news had not reached either army, and the American troops' victory at the Battle of New Orleans helped secure that crucial southern sea port as part of the first successful military defense of the country's national sovereignty.

Many collectors have favored the "Liberty" releases of the First Spouse series, which feature reproductions of classic coin designs. Although the mintage is higher, there will likely be additional demand for this issue from collectors who assemble the "Liberty" subset.

COIN SPECIFICATIONS

Designer: John Reich (obverse), Justin Kunz (reverse)

Sculptor: Don Everhart (reverse)

Date: 2008

Mint: West Point (W mint mark)

Weight: 0.5000 troy oz. (15.554 g)

Composition: 0.9999 fine gold

Diameter: 1.041 inches (26.49 mm)

Thickness: 0.074 inches (1.88 mm)