



# 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.

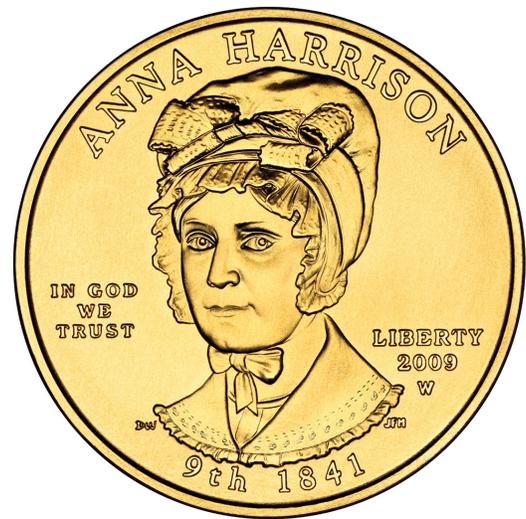


## THE FIRST SPOUSE GOLD COINS PROGRAM

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 First Spouse Gold Coins program will enter its third year of release in 2009. Each year since the series began in 2007, 24-karat gold coins have been released to honor the spouse's of each President. Each coin contains one-half ounce of gold and has a legal tender value of \$10. Each year's First Spouse coin releases have been issued to roughly correspond to the releases of each Presidential Dollar.

For 2009, a total of five different coins were released. This is a change from prior years of the program which have featured four coins. The issuance of five coins is to provide a separate coin for John Tyler's first and second wives.

Children and education were central to Anna Harrison's life. On the frontier, she educated her children herself. She and her husband started the Jefferson Academy (named for Thomas Jefferson) in Vincennes, Indiana, in 1801, for students eight to 17 years of age. The school charged \$15 a year in tuition, but Native Americans were allowed to attend free of charge.

Upon moving to North Bend, Ohio, the Harrisons started a school there as well. The reverse of the Anna Harrison First Spouse \$10 Gold Coin depicts Mrs. Harrison sharing her passion for teaching with her students.

## COIN SPECIFICATIONS

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)