

## 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 to provide continuity of the First Spouse Gold Coin Program during those times in which a President served without a First Spouse. This provision applies to Thomas Jefferson, whose wife Martha died in 1782. Married in 1772, Thomas Jefferson was a widower for 19 years when he became President in 1801.

The gold coins issued to accompany any President who served without a spouse will each feature a design emblematic of Liberty on its obverse, as depicted on a United States coin originally issued during the President's time in office. For Thomas Jefferson's presidency, the selected image appeared on the Draped Bust Half-Cent coin from 1800–1808.

Jefferson's Liberty First Spouse Gold Coins were the 3rd set of coins to honor American "First Ladies" with one-half ounce \$10 coins struck in 24-karat gold and minted in proof and uncirculated versions.

Recognizing the fact that no "true" first lady existed in Jefferson's Presidency (his wife Martha died years before), and in accordance with the Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005 that authorizes the First Spouse Coins, the obverse or heads side of the coins contain an image of Liberty.

#### COIN FACTS

- 1. 1st of only 4 Liberty's in the First Spouse Series.
- 2. Also known as "The Bachelor Series"
- 3. In a little over 6 years, since the release date, the value has increased by more than 120%.
- 4. Spot Gold in the same period moved 99% where this coin was at 120%