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## AN ACT

To provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “50 States Commemo-  
3 rative Coin Program Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress hereby finds the following:

6 (1) It is appropriate and timely to—

7 (A) honor the unique Federal republic of  
8 50 States that comprise the United States; and

9 (B) promote the diffusion of knowledge  
10 among the youth of the United States about the  
11 individual States, their history and geography,  
12 and the rich diversity of the national heritage.

13 (2) The circulating coinage of the United States  
14 has not been modernized within the past 25 years.

15 (3) A circulating commemorative 25-cent coin  
16 program could produce earnings of \$110,000,000  
17 over the 10-year period of issuance and would  
18 produce indirect earnings of an estimated  
19 \$3,400,000,000 to the United States Treasury,  
20 money that will replace borrowing to fund the na-  
21 tional debt to at least that extent.

22 (4) It is appropriate to launch a commemora-  
23 tive circulating coin program that encourages young  
24 people and their families to collect memorable tokens  
25 of all the States for the face value of the coins.

1 **SEC. 3. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS**  
2 **OVER 10-YEAR PERIOD COMMEMORATING**  
3 **EACH OF THE 50 STATES.**

4 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 section:

7 “(k) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF QUARTER DOL-  
8 LAR IN COMMEMORATION OF EACH OF THE 50 STATES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the 4th  
10 sentence of subsection (d)(1) and subsection (d)(2),  
11 quarter dollar coins issued during the 10-year period  
12 beginning on January 1, 1997, shall have designs  
13 selected in accordance with this subsection which are  
14 emblematic of the 50 States.

15 “(2) SINGLE STATE DESIGNS.—The design for  
16 each quarter dollar issued during the 10-year period  
17 referred to in paragraph (1) shall be emblematic of  
18 1 of the 50 States.

19 “(3) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING 5  
20 STATES DURING EACH OF THE 10 YEARS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The designs for the  
22 quarter dollar coins issued during each year of  
23 the 10-year period referred to in paragraph (1)  
24 shall be emblematic of 5 States which have not  
25 previously been commemorated during such pe-  
26 riod.

1           “(B) NUMBER OF EACH OF 5 COIN DE-  
2           SIGNS IN EACH YEAR.—Of the quarter dollar  
3           coins issued during each year (of the 10-year  
4           period referred to in paragraph (1)), the Sec-  
5           retary of the Treasury shall prescribe, on the  
6           basis of such factors as the Secretary deter-  
7           mines to be appropriate, the number of quarter  
8           dollars which shall be issued with each of the 5  
9           designs selected for such year.

10           “(4) SELECTION OF DESIGN.—Each of the 50  
11           designs required under this subsection for quarter  
12           dollars shall be—

13                   “(A) selected by the Secretary after con-  
14                   sultation with appropriate officials of the State  
15                   being commemorated with such design and the  
16                   Commission of Fine Arts; and

17                   “(B) reviewed by the Citizens Commemo-  
18                   rative Coin Advisory Committee.

19           “(5) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For  
20           purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins mint-  
21           ed under this subsection shall be considered to be  
22           numismatic items.

23           “(6) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—

24                   “(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary  
25                   may mint and issue such number of quarter

1 dollars of each design selected under paragraph  
2 (4) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the  
3 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

4 “(B) SILVER COINS.—Notwithstanding  
5 subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and  
6 issue such number of quarter dollars of each  
7 design selected under paragraph (4) as the Sec-  
8 retary determines to be appropriate with a con-  
9 tent of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

10 “(C) SOURCES OF BULLION.—The Sec-  
11 retary shall obtain silver for minting coins  
12 under subparagraph (B) only from stockpiles  
13 established under the Strategic and Critical  
14 Materials Stock Piling Act.

15 “(D) SALE PRICE OF COINS.—The coins  
16 issued under this paragraph shall be sold by the  
17 Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the  
18 face value of the coins and the cost of designing  
19 and issuing the coins (including labor, mate-  
20 rials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses,  
21 marketing, profit, and shipping).

22 “(7) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF THE ADMIS-  
23 SION OF ADDITIONAL STATES.—If any additional  
24 State is admitted into the Union before the end of  
25 the 10-year period referred to in paragraph (1), the

1 Secretary of the Treasury may issue quarter dollar  
2 coins, in accordance with this subsection, with a de-  
3 sign which is emblematic of such State during any  
4 1 year of such 10-year period, in addition to the  
5 quarter dollar coins issued during such year in ac-  
6 cordance with paragraph (3)(A).”.

7 **SEC. 4. FIXED TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS**  
8 **COMMEMORATIVE COIN ADVISORY COMMIT-**  
9 **TEE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 5135(a)  
11 of title 31, United States Code, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 “(4) TERMS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each individual ap-  
15 pointed to the Advisory Committee under clause  
16 (i) or (iii) of paragraph (3)(A) shall be ap-  
17 pointed for a term of 4 years.

18 “(B) INTERIM APPOINTMENTS.—Any  
19 member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring  
20 before the expiration of the term for which such  
21 member’s predecessor was appointed shall be  
22 appointed only for the remainder of such term.

23 “(C) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—Each  
24 member appointed under clause (i) or (iii) of  
25 paragraph (3)(A) may continue to serve after

1           the expiration of the term to which such mem-  
2           ber was appointed until a successor has been  
3           appointed and qualified.”.

4           (b) STAGGERED TERMS.—Of the members appointed  
5 to the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee  
6 under clause (i) or (iii) of paragraph (3)(A) of section  
7 5135 of title 31, United States Code, who are serving on  
8 the Advisory Committee as of the date of the enactment  
9 of this Act—

10           (1) 1 member appointed under clause (i) and 1  
11           member appointed under clause (iii), as designated  
12           by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be deemed to  
13           have been appointed to a term which ends on De-  
14           cember 31, 1997;

15           (2) 1 member appointed under clause (i) and 1  
16           member appointed under clause (iii), as designated  
17           by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be deemed to  
18           have been appointed to a term which ends on De-  
19           cember 31, 1998; and

20           (3) 1 member appointed under clause (i) and 1  
21           member appointed under clause (iii), as designated  
22           by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be deemed to  
23           have been appointed to a term which ends on De-  
24           cember 31, 1999.

1           (c) STATUS OF MEMBERS.—The members appointed  
2 to the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee  
3 under clause (i) or (iii) of paragraph (3)(A) of section  
4 5135 of title 31, United States Code, shall not be treated  
5 as special Government employees.

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Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*