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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia  
5 and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar  
6 Program Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS**  
8                   **COMMEMORATING THE DISTRICT OF COLUM-**  
9                   **BIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.**

10       Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is  
11 amended by inserting after subsection (m) the following  
12 new subsection:

13       “(n) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING  
14 QUARTER DOLLAR COMMEMORATING THE DISTRICT OF  
15 COLUMBIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.—

16               “(1) REDESIGN IN 2009.—

17                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the  
18 fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1) and sub-  
19 section (d)(2) and subject to paragraph (6)(B),  
20 quarter dollar coins issued during 2009, shall  
21 have designs on the reverse side selected in ac-  
22 cordance with this subsection which are em-  
23 blematic of the District of Columbia and the  
24 territories.

1           “(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO  
2           PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwith-  
3           standing subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may  
4           select a design for quarter dollars issued during  
5           2009 in which—

6                   (i) the inscription described in the sec-  
7                   ond sentence of subsection (d)(1) appears  
8                   on the reverse side of any such quarter  
9                   dollars; and

10                   (ii) any inscription described in the  
11                   third sentence of subsection (d)(1) or the  
12                   designation of the value of the coin ap-  
13                   pears on the obverse side of any such quar-  
14                   ter dollars.

15           “(2) SINGLE DISTRICT OR TERRITORY DE-  
16           SIGN.—The design on the reverse side of each quar-  
17           ter dollar issued during 2009 shall be emblematic of  
18           one of the following: The District of Columbia, the  
19           Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American  
20           Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the  
21           Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

22           “(3) SELECTION OF DESIGN.—

23                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each of the 6 designs  
24                   required under this subsection for quarter dol-

1           lars shall be selected by the Secretary after con-  
2           sultation with—

3                   “(i) the chief executive of the District  
4                   of Columbia or the territory being com-  
5                   memorated, or such other officials or  
6                   group as the chief executive officer of the  
7                   District of Columbia or the territory may  
8                   designate for such purpose; and

9                   “(ii) the Commission of Fine Arts.

10                   “(B) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROC-  
11                   ESS.—Designs for quarter dollars may be sub-  
12                   mitted in accordance with the design selection  
13                   and approval process developed by the Sec-  
14                   retary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

15                   “(C) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary may  
16                   include participation by District or territorial  
17                   officials, artists from the District of Columbia  
18                   or the territory, engravers of the United States  
19                   Mint, and members of the general public.

20                   “(D) STANDARDS.—Because it is impor-  
21                   tant that the Nation’s coinage and currency  
22                   bear dignified designs of which the citizens of  
23                   the United States can be proud, the Secretary  
24                   shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate

1 design for any quarter dollar minted under this  
2 subsection.

3 “(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REP-  
4 RESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders por-  
5 trait or bust of any person, living or dead, and  
6 no portrait of a living person may be included  
7 in the design of any quarter dollar under this  
8 subsection.

9 “(4) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For  
10 purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins mint-  
11 ed under this subsection shall be considered to be  
12 numismatic items.

13 “(5) ISSUANCE.—

14 “(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary  
15 may mint and issue such number of quarter  
16 dollars of each design selected under paragraph  
17 (4) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the  
18 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

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

1           “(C) SOURCES OF BULLION.—The Sec-  
2           retary shall obtain silver for minting coins  
3           under subparagraph (B) from available re-  
4           sources, including stockpiles established under  
5           the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Pil-  
6           ing Act.

7           “(D) TIMING AND ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—  
8           Coins minted under this subsection commemo-  
9           rating the District of Columbia and each of the  
10          territories shall be issued in equal sequential in-  
11          tervals during 2009 in the following order: the  
12          District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of  
13          Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the  
14          United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-  
15          wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

16          “(6) OTHER PROVISIONS.—

17                 “(A) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF ADMIS-  
18                 SION AS A STATE.—If the District of Columbia  
19                 or any territory becomes a State before the end  
20                 of the 10-year period referred to in subsection  
21                 (1)(1), subsection (1)(7) shall apply, and this  
22                 subsection shall not apply, with respect to such  
23                 State.

24                 “(B) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF INDE-  
25                 PENDENCE.—If any territory becomes inde-

1           pendent or otherwise ceases to be a territory or  
2           possession of the United States before quarter  
3           dollars bearing designs which are emblematic of  
4           such territory are minted pursuant to this sub-  
5           section, this subsection shall cease to apply with  
6           respect to such territory.

7           “(7) TERRITORY DEFINED.—For purposes of  
8           this subsection, the term ‘territory’ means the Com-  
9           monwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa,  
10          the United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-  
11          wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”.

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Attest:

*Clerk.*