

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 2993

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## AN ACT

To provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 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,*

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                 **HONORING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND**  
 9                 **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 HONORING THE DISTRICT OF COLUM-  
 15       BIA 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-  
25                  lars shall be—

1 “(i) selected by the Secretary after  
2 consultation with—

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

10 “(II) the Commission of Fine  
11 Arts; and

12 “(ii) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage  
13 Advisory Committee.

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

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

24 “(D) STANDARDS.—Because it is impor-  
25 tant that the Nation’s coinage and currency

1 bear dignified designs of which the citizens of  
2 the United States can be proud, the Secretary  
3 shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate  
4 design for any quarter dollar minted under this  
5 subsection.

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

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

16 “(5) ISSUANCE.—

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

22 “(B) SILVER COINS.—Notwithstanding  
23 subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and  
24 issue such number of quarter dollars of each  
25 design selected under paragraph (4) as the Sec-

retary determines to be appropriate, with a content of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

“(C) TIMING AND ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—

Coins minted under this subsection honoring the District of Columbia and each of the territories shall be issued in equal sequential intervals during 2009 in the following order: the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

“(6) OTHER PROVISIONS.—

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

“(B) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF INDEPENDENCE.—If any territory becomes independent or otherwise ceases to be a territory or possession of the United States before quarter dollars bearing designs which are emblematic of such territory are minted pursuant to this sub-

1           section, this subsection shall cease to apply with  
2           respect to such territory.

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

          Passed the House of Representatives March 25,  
2004.

Attest:

*Clerk.*





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