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AN ACT

To provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species
Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

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 “Multinational Species
3 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS**
5 **SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to afford a convenient
7 way for members of the public to contribute to funding
8 for the operations supported by the Multinational Species
9 Conservation Funds, the United States Postal Service
10 shall issue a semipostal stamp (hereinafter in this Act re-
11 ferred to as the “Multinational Species Conservation
12 Funds Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with succeeding
13 provisions of this section.

14 (b) **COST.**—The Multinational Species Conservation
15 Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be offered at a cost equal
16 to the cost of mailing a letter weighing 1 ounce or less
17 at the nonautomation single-piece first-ounce letter rate,
18 in effect at the time of purchase, plus a differential of
19 not less than 25 percent.

20 (c) **OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The issuance
21 and sale of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds
22 Semipostal Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of
23 section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and regula-
24 tions issued under such section, subject to subsection (b)
25 and the following:

26 (1) **DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.**—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—All amounts becoming
2 available from the sale of the Multinational
3 Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp
4 (as determined under section 416(d) of such
5 title 39) shall be transferred to the United
6 States Fish and Wildlife Service, for the pur-
7 pose described in subsection (a), through pay-
8 ments which shall be made at least twice a
9 year, with the proceeds to be divided equally
10 among the African Elephant Conservation
11 Fund, the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund,
12 the Great Ape Conservation Fund, the Marine
13 Turtle Conservation Fund, the Rhinoceros and
14 Tiger Conservation Fund, and other inter-
15 national wildlife conservation funds authorized
16 by the Congress after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act and administered by the Service as
18 part of the Multinational Species Conservation
19 Fund.

20 (B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In
21 accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title
22 39, amounts becoming available from the sale
23 of the Multinational Species Conservation
24 Funds Semipostal Stamp (as so determined)
25 shall not be taken into account in any decision

1 relating to the level of appropriations or other
2 Federal funding to be furnished in any year
3 to—

4 (i) the United States Fish and Wild-
5 life Service; or

6 (ii) any of the funds identified in sub-
7 paragraph (A).

8 (2) DURATION.—The Multinational Species
9 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be
10 made available to the public for a period of at least
11 5 years, beginning no later than 12 months after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (3) STAMP DEPICTIONS.—Stamps issued under
14 this Act shall depict images of flagship multinational
15 species, such as African and Asian elephants, rhinoc-
16 eros and tigers, marine turtles, and certain species
17 of great apes.

18 (4) LIMITATION.—The Multinational Species
19 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall not be
20 subject to, or taken into account for purposes of ap-
21 plying, any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of
22 such title 39.

23 (5) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—
24 Amounts transferred under paragraph (1) shall not
25 be used to fund or support the Wildlife Without

