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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of American innovation and significant innovation and pioneering efforts of individuals or groups from each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, to promote the importance of innovation in the United States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “American Innovation
3 \$1 Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMERICAN INNOVATION \$1 COIN PROGRAM.**

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

7 “(w) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF \$1 COINS HON-
8 ORING INNOVATION, INNOVATORS, AND PIONEERS FROM
9 EACH STATE, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND EACH
10 TERRITORY.—

11 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
12 ‘territory’ means—

13 “(A) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

14 “(B) Guam;

15 “(C) American Samoa;

16 “(D) the United States Virgin Islands; and

17 “(E) the Commonwealth of the Northern
18 Mariana Islands.

19 “(2) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2018.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding par-
21 agraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d) and in ac-
22 cordance with this subsection, during the 14-
23 year period beginning on January 1, 2018 (or
24 such later date as provided under subparagraph
25 (B)(ii)), the Secretary of the Treasury shall

mint and issue \$1 coins to be known as ‘American Innovation \$1 coins’, that—

“(i) have designs on the obverse selected in accordance with paragraph (3)(A); and

“(ii) have a design on the reverse selected in accordance with paragraph (3)(B).

“(B) CONTINUITY PROVISIONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall continue to mint and issue \$1 coins honoring Native Americans and their contributions in accordance with subsection (r).

“(ii) FIRST YEAR.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), if the Secretary finds that it is not feasible and cost-effective to mint and issue American Innovation \$1 coins beginning in 2018, the Secretary may mint and issue \$1 coins bearing the designs of such Presidential \$1 coins issued pursuant to subsection (n) that the Secretary determines to be appropriate. If any such Presidential \$1 coin design bore the inscription ‘In God We Trust’ incused

1 on the edge, the Secretary shall modify the
 2 design to place that inscription only on the
 3 obverse of the coin, and such modification
 4 may be done without review by the Citizens
 5 Coinage Advisory Committee nor consulta-
 6 tion with the Commission of Fine Arts.

7 “(3) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstand-
 8 ing paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d), the \$1
 9 coins issued in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)
 10 shall meet the following design requirements:

11 “(A) COIN OBVERSE.—The design on the
 12 obverse of each coin issued under this sub-
 13 section shall contain—

14 “(i) a design symbolic of Liberty; and

15 “(ii) the inscription ‘In God We
 16 Trust’.

17 “(B) COIN REVERSE.—The design on the
 18 reverse of each coin issued under this sub-
 19 section shall bear the following:

20 “(i) An image or images emblematic
 21 of one of the following from 1 of the 50
 22 States, District of Columbia, or the terri-
 23 tories of the United States:

24 “(I) A significant innovation.

25 “(II) An innovator or pioneer.

1 “(III) A group of innovators or
2 pioneers.

3 “(ii) The name of the State, District
4 of Columbia, or territory, as applicable.

5 “(iii) The inscriptions ‘\$1’ and
6 ‘United States of America’.

7 “(C) EDGE-INCUSED INSCRIPTIONS.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The inscription of
9 the year of minting or issuance of the coin
10 and the inscription ‘E Pluribus Unum’
11 shall be edge-incused into the coin.

12 “(ii) PRESERVATION OF DISTINCTIVE
13 EDGE.—The edge-incusing of the inscrip-
14 tions under clause (i) on coins issued
15 under this subsection shall be done in a
16 manner that preserves the distinctive edge
17 of the coin so that the denomination of the
18 coin is readily discernible, including by in-
19 dividuals who are blind or visually im-
20 paired.

21 “(4) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING IN-
22 NOVATION, INNOVATORS, AND PIONEERS.—

23 “(A) ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—The coins
24 issued under this subsection commemorating ei-
25 ther an innovation, an individual innovator or

pioneer, or a group of innovators or pioneers, from each State, the District of Columbia, or a territory shall be issued in alphabetic order of the State, District, or territory represented, starting with Alabama.

“(B) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING FOUR INNOVATIONS, INNOVATORS, AND PIONEERS DURING EACH OF 14 YEARS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Four \$1 coin designs as described in this subsection shall be issued during each year of the period referred to in paragraph (2) until 1 coin featuring 1 innovation, an individual innovator or pioneer, or a group of innovators or pioneers, from each of the States, District of Columbia, and territories has been issued.

“(ii) NUMBER OF COIN DESIGNS IN EACH YEAR.—The Secretary shall prescribe, on the basis of such factors as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the number of \$1 coins that shall be issued with each of the designs selected for each year of the period referred to in paragraph (2).

1 “(iii) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF THE
 2 ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL STATES.—Not-
 3 withstanding clause (i), if any additional
 4 State or territory is admitted into the
 5 Union before the end of the 14-year period
 6 referred to in paragraph (2), the Secretary
 7 of the Treasury may issue \$1 coins, in ac-
 8 cordance with this subsection during any 1
 9 year of such 14-year period, in addition to
 10 the four \$1 coins issued during such year
 11 in accordance with clause (i).

12 “(iv) APPLICATION IN THE EVENT OF
 13 INDEPENDENCE.—Notwithstanding clause
 14 (i), if any State or territory becomes inde-
 15 pendent or otherwise ceases to be a State
 16 or territory of the United States before \$1
 17 coins are minted pursuant to this sub-
 18 section, the subsection shall cease to apply
 19 with respect to such State or territory.

20 “(5) SELECTION OF CONCEPT AND DESIGN.—

21 “(A) CONCEPT.—With respect to each
 22 State, the District of Columbia, and territory to
 23 be honored with a coin under this subsection,
 24 the selection of the significant innovation, inno-
 25 vator or pioneer, or group of innovators or pio-

neers to be borne on the reverse of such coin shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Governor or other chief executive of the State, District of Columbia, or territory with respect to which a coin is to be issued under this subsection.

“(B) DESIGN.—Each of the designs required under this subsection shall be selected by the Secretary after—

“(i) consultation with—

“(I) the Governor or other chief executive of the State, District of Columbia, or territory with respect to which a coin is to be issued under this subsection; and

“(II) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

“(ii) review by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee.

“(C) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.—Designs for \$1 coins under this subsection may be submitted in accordance with the design selection and approval process developed by the Secretary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

1 “(D) STANDARDS.—Because it is impor-
 2 tant that the Nation’s coinage and currency
 3 bear dignified designs of which the citizens of
 4 the United States can be proud, the Secretary
 5 shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate
 6 design for any \$1 coin minted under this sub-
 7 section.

8 “(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REP-
 9 RESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders por-
 10 trait or bust of any person, living or dead, and
 11 no portrait of a living person may be included
 12 in the design of any coin issued under this sub-
 13 section.

14 “(6) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For
 15 purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all \$1 coins
 16 minted under this subsection shall be considered to
 17 be numismatic items.

18 “(7) ISSUANCE OF NUMISMATIC COINS.—The
 19 Secretary may mint and issue such number of \$1
 20 coins of each design selected under this subsection
 21 in uncirculated and proof qualities as the Secretary
 22 determines to be appropriate.

23 “(8) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—The
 24 issuance of coins under this subsection shall termi-
 25 nate when 1 innovation, an individual innovator or

1 pioneer, or a group of innovators or pioneers, from
2 each State, the District of Columbia, and territory
3 has been honored and may not be resumed except by
4 an Act of Congress.”.

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