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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2020

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States
5 Semiquincentennial Quarter Series Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Circulating collectible coin programs are
2 very popular and generate significant revenue for the
3 United States Mint (referred to in this Act as the
4 “Mint”) to continue as a self-sustaining enterprise
5 at no cost to the taxpayers.

6 (2) During the 50 State Quarters Program
7 (1999–2008), the Mint issued 34.2 billion quarter
8 dollars into circulation, with an average of 3.4 billion
9 quarter dollars annually, generating total circulating
10 and numismatic program revenue of \$9.1 billion.

11 (3) The America the Beautiful Quarters Pro-
12 gram (2010–2021) has generated total program rev-
13 enue of \$3.7 billion to date.

14 (4) Because the America the Beautiful Quar-
15 ters Program is scheduled to be discontinued in
16 2021, authorizing new circulating collectible coin
17 programs will contribute to the longevity and long-
18 term growth of the Mint, serve the public interest,
19 and deliver substantial revenue to the Mint and the
20 Department of the Treasury General Fund that oth-
21 erwise may not be realized.

22 (5) The United States Mint has completed ex-
23 tensive due diligence in evaluating previous circu-
24 lating collectible coin programs and evaluating the
25 likely success of future efforts.

1 (6) July 4, 2026, will be the 250th anniversary
2 of the founding of the United States, with the sign-
3 ing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The
4 historic events preceding that anniversary—

5 (A) are of major significance in the devel-
6 opment of the national heritage of the United
7 States and its principles of individual liberty,
8 representative government, and the attainment
9 of equal and inalienable rights; and

10 (B) have had a profound influence
11 throughout the world.

12 (7) The 114th Congress established the United
13 States Semiquincentennial Commission to plan, de-
14 velop, and execute programs, projects, and activities
15 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the
16 United States.

17 **SEC. 3. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED CIRCULATING COINS**

18 **EMBLEMATIC OF THE UNITED STATES**

19 **SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL.**

20 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
21 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 section:

23 “(x) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF COINS EMBLEM-
24 ATIC OF THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL.—

25 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2026.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

2 “ (i) Notwithstanding the 4th, 5th,
3 and 6th sentences of subsection (d)(1), the
4 Secretary may change the design on any of
5 the coins authorized under this section and
6 minted for issuance during the one-year
7 period beginning January 1, 2026, in cele-
8 bration of the United States
9 semiquincentennial.

10 “(ii) Notwithstanding the 2nd and
11 3rd sentences of subsection (d)(1), the Sec-
12 retary may place the required inscriptions
13 on either the obverse or reverse sides of
14 the coins authorized for redesign under
15 this subsection.

16 “(B) QUARTER DOLLARS.—The Secretary
17 may issue quarter dollars in 2026 with up to
18 five different designs emblematic of the United
19 States semiquincentennial. One of the quarter
20 dollar designs must be emblematic of a woman’s
21 or women’s contribution to the birth of the Na-
22 tion or the Declaration of Independence or any
23 other monumental moments in American His-
24 tory.

1 “(C) DOLLARS.—The Secretary may, in
2 addition to the coins produced under sub-
3 sections (r) and (w), mint for issuance during
4 the one-year period beginning January 1, 2026,
5 \$1 coins with designs emblematic of the United
6 States semiquincentennial.

7 “(D) DESIGNS AFTER END OF THE PRO-
8 GRAM.—Beginning in 2027, any coin redesigned
9 under this subsection shall revert to the imme-
10 diately previous designs.

11 “(E) REDESIGN DEFINITION.—A redesign
12 authorized under this subsection shall not con-
13 stitute a ‘change’ for purposes of subsection
14 (d)(2).

15 “(2) SELECTION OF DESIGNS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each of the designs
17 authorized under this subsection shall be se-
18 lected by the Secretary after consultation with
19 the Commission of Fine Arts and review by the
20 Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee.

21 “(B) DESIGN SELECTION PROCESS.—De-
22 signs shall be developed and selected in accord-
23 ance with the design selection process developed
24 by the Secretary in consultation with the
25 United States Semiquincentennial Commission

1 and with recommendations from the general
2 public.”.

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