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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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON (for herself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. GUTIERREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS**  
2 **HONORING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND**  
3 **EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.**

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

7 “(r) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING  
8 QUARTER DOLLAR HONORING THE DISTRICT OF COLUM-  
9 BIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.—

10 “(1) REDESIGN IN 2009.—

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

19 “(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO  
20 PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwith-  
21 standing subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may  
22 select a design for quarter dollars issued during  
23 2009 in which—

24 “(i) the inscription described in the  
25 second sentence of subsection (d)(1) ap-

1                   appears on the reverse side of any such quar-  
2                   ter dollars; and

3                   “(ii) any inscription described in the  
4                   third sentence of subsection (d)(1) or the  
5                   designation of the value of the coin ap-  
6                   pears on the obverse side of any such quar-  
7                   ter dollars.

8                   “(2) SINGLE DISTRICT OR TERRITORY DE-  
9                   SIGN.—The design on the reverse side of each quar-  
10                  ter dollar issued during 2009 shall be emblematic of  
11                  one of the following: The District of Columbia, the  
12                  Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American  
13                  Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the  
14                  Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

15                  “(3) SELECTION OF DESIGN.—

16                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each of the 6 designs  
17                  required under this subsection for quarter dol-  
18                  lars shall be—

19                  “(i) selected by the Secretary after  
20                  consultation with—

21                  “(I) the chief executive of the  
22                  District of Columbia or the territory  
23                  being honored, or such other officials  
24                  or group as the chief executive officer  
25                  of the District of Columbia or the ter-

1                    ritory may designate for such purpose;

2                    and

3                    “(II) the Commission of Fine

4                    Arts; and

5                    “(ii) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage

6                    Advisory Committee.

7                    “(B) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROC-

8                    ESS.—Designs for quarter dollars may be sub-

9                    mitted in accordance with the design selection

10                  and approval process developed by the Sec-

11                  retary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

12                  “(C) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary may

13                  include participation by District or territorial

14                  officials, artists from the District of Columbia

15                  or the territory, engravers of the United States

16                  Mint, and members of the general public.

17                  “(D) STANDARDS.—Because it is impor-

18                  tant that the Nation’s coinage and currency

19                  bear dignified designs of which the citizens of

20                  the United States can be proud, the Secretary

21                  shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate

22                  design for any quarter dollar minted under this

23                  subsection.

24                  “(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REP-

25                  RESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders por-

1 trait or bust of any person, living or dead, and  
2 no portrait of a living person may be included  
3 in the design of any quarter dollar under this  
4 subsection.

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

9 “(5) ISSUANCE.—

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

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

21 “(C) TIMING AND ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—  
22 Coins minted under this subsection honoring  
23 the District of Columbia and each of the terri-  
24 tories shall be issued in equal sequential inter-  
25 vals during 2009 in the following order: the

1 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of  
2 Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the  
3 United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-  
4 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

5 “(6) OTHER PROVISIONS.—

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

13 “(B) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF INDE-  
14 PENDENCE.—If any territory becomes inde-  
15 pendent or otherwise ceases to be a territory or  
16 possession of the United States before quarter  
17 dollars bearing designs which are emblematic of  
18 such territory are minted pursuant to this sub-  
19 section, this subsection shall cease to apply with  
20 respect to such territory.

21 “(7) TERRITORY DEFINED.—For purposes of  
22 this subsection, the term ‘territory’ means the Com-  
23 monwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa,

1 the United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-  
2 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”.

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