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To amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$2.50 numismatic coins and \$2.50 circulating coins, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT (for himself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania) 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 “\$2.50 for America’s
5 250th Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The 250th anniversary of the signing of the
2 Declaration of Independence was a turning point in
3 the history of the United States and the world that
4 warrants national recognition.

5 (2) The 68th Congress celebrated this fact by
6 authorizing the United States Mint to commemorate
7 the 150th anniversary of American independence by
8 issuing 2 coins: a half dollar and a \$2.50 gold piece.

9 (3) The issuance of a \$2.50 anniversary coin
10 for the 250th anniversary serves as a historically
11 grounded continuation of this numismatic tradition
12 and connects Americans today with a legacy of na-
13 tional celebration through coinage.

14 (4) The design and distribution of this coin
15 offer a unique and accessible opportunity for the
16 American people to engage with and take personal
17 ownership of their national heritage through a tan-
18 gible and lasting tribute.

19 (5) Every citizen deserves the opportunity to
20 acquire such a coin as a means to connect to the
21 founding principles of liberty, democracy, and self-
22 governance.

23 (6) In addition to the congressionally author-
24 ized activities already planned by the mint, this new
25 anniversary coin will serve not only as a lasting trib-

1 ute to the founding generation and the ideals we
 2 share with them to this day, but also as a unifying
 3 and educational gesture on the occasion of the
 4 semiquincentennial.

5 **SEC. 3. CIRCULATING \$2.50 COINS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5112 of title 31, United
 7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 8 lowing:

9 “(bb) CIRCULATING \$2.50 COIN.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall mint
 11 and issue a \$2.50 circulating coin upon determining
 12 that minting such coin is technically feasible, eco-
 13 nomically feasible, and not cost prohibitive.

14 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each coin minted and
 15 issued under this subsection shall—

16 “(A) have features that make the denomi-
 17 nation of the coin readily discernible from other
 18 coins; and

19 “(B) be made of an alloy prescribed by the
 20 Secretary.

21 “(3) DESIGN.—

22 “(A) OBVERSE.—The obverse of each coin
 23 minted and issued under this subsection shall,
 24 during the 5-year period beginning on the date
 25 the Secretary issues any coin under this sub-

1 section, bear the image of allegorical liberty
2 wielding the Declaration of Independence fea-
3 tured on the gold \$2.50 Sesquicentennial Coin
4 issued in 1926.

5 “(B) REVERSE.—The reverse of each coin
6 minted and issued under this subsection shall,
7 during the 5-year period beginning on the date
8 the Secretary issues any coin under this sub-
9 section, bear the image Independence Hall fea-
10 tured on the gold \$2.50 Sesquicentennial Coin
11 issued in 1926.

12 “(C) ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS.—During
13 the 5-year period beginning on the date the
14 Secretary issues any coin under this subsection,
15 each coin minted and issued under this sub-
16 section shall bear the inscriptions
17 ‘Semiquincentennial of the United States’ and
18 ‘1776–2026’.

19 “(D) SUBSEQUENT DESIGNS.—Beginning
20 on the date that is 5 years after the Secretary
21 issues a coin under this subsection, and every
22 5 years thereafter, the Secretary may select a
23 new design that celebrates the founding of the
24 United States for the \$2.50 coin.”.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
 2 Congress that the circulating coin described in section
 3 5112(b)(b) of title 31, United States Code, should be
 4 minted and issued not later than July 4, 2026, or as soon
 5 as it is technically and economically feasible.

6 **SEC. 4. NUMISMATIC \$2.50 COINS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5112 of title 31, United
 8 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the
 9 following:

10 “(cc) NUMISMATIC \$2.50 COIN.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may mint
 12 and issue \$2.50 numismatic coins in silver, clad, and
 13 such other alloys, including gold, as the Secretary
 14 determines in accordance with such program proce-
 15 dures and coin specifications, varieties, quantities,
 16 and inscriptions as the Secretary, in the Secretary’s
 17 discretion, may prescribe from time to time.

18 “(2) DESIGN.—

19 “(A) OBVERSE.—The obverse design of
 20 any coin minted and issued under this sub-
 21 section shall, during the 2-year period begin-
 22 ning on the date the Secretary issues any coin
 23 under this subsection, bear the image of allegor-
 24 ical liberty wielding the Declaration of Inde-

pendence featured on the gold \$2.50 Sesquicentennial Coin issued in 1926.

“(B) REVERSE.—The reverse design of any coin minted and issued under this subsection shall, during the 2-year period beginning on the date the Secretary issues any coin under this subsection, bear the image of Independence Hall featured on the gold \$2.50 Sesquicentennial Coin issued in 1926.

“(C) ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS.—During the 2-year period beginning on the date the Secretary issues any coin under this subsection, each coin minted and issued under this subsection shall bear the inscriptions ‘Semiquincentennial of the United States’ and ‘1776–2026’.

“(D) SUBSEQUENT DESIGNS.—Beginning on the date that is 2 years after the date on which the Secretary issues any coin under this subsection, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary may select a new design that celebrates the founding of the United States for the \$2.50 coin.”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the numismatic coins described in section

1 5112(c)(c) of title 31, United States Code, should be mint-
2 ed and issued not later than July 4, 2026, or as soon as
3 it is technically and economically feasible.

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