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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PADILLA, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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## 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 signing of the Declaration of Independ-  
2           ence was a turning point in the history of the United  
3           States and the world, and the 250th anniversary of  
4           the signing 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 subsection  
3 (bb) of section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, as  
4 added by subsection (a) of this section, should be minted  
5 and issued not later than July 4, 2026, or as soon as it  
6 is technically and economically feasible.

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

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5112 of title 31, United  
9 States Code, as amended by section 3 of this Act, is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(cc) NUMISMATIC \$2.50 COIN.—

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

19 “(2) DESIGN.—

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

1           pendence featured on the gold \$2.50 Sesqui-  
2           centennial Coin issued in 1926.

3           “(B) REVERSE.—The reverse design of  
4           any coin minted and issued under this sub-  
5           section shall, during the 2-year period begin-  
6           ning on the date the Secretary issues any coin  
7           under this subsection, bear the image of Inde-  
8           pendence Hall featured on the gold \$2.50 Ses-  
9           quicentennial Coin issued in 1926.

10          “(C) ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS.—During  
11          the 2-year period beginning on the date the  
12          Secretary issues any coin under this subsection,  
13          each coin minted and issued under this sub-  
14          section shall bear the inscriptions  
15          ‘Semiquincentennial of the United States’ and  
16          ‘1776–2026’.

17          “(D) SUBSEQUENT DESIGNS.—Beginning  
18          on the date that is 2 years after the date on  
19          which the Secretary issues any coin under this  
20          subsection, and every 2 years thereafter, the  
21          Secretary may select a new design that cele-  
22          brates the founding of the United States for the  
23          \$2.50 coin.”.

24          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the  
25 Congress that the numismatic coins described in sub-

1 section (cc) of section 5112 of title 31, United States  
2 Code, as added by subsection (a) of this section, should  
3 be minted and issued not later than July 4, 2026, or as  
4 soon as it is technically and economically feasible.

