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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 for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ADERHOLT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 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 \$2.50 coins.

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. MINTING AND ISSUING OF \$2.50 NUMISMATIC**
6 **COINS.**

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

10 “(bb) NUMISMATIC \$2.50 COIN.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may mint
12 and issue—

13 “(A) not more than 100,000 \$2.50 numis-
14 matic coins, each of which shall weigh 4.1795
15 grams, have a diameter of 0.425 inches, and
16 contain not less than 90 percent gold

17 “(B) not more than 300,000 \$2.50 numis-
18 matic coins, each of which shall weigh 26.73
19 grams, have a diameter of 1.5 inches, and con-
20 tain not less than 90 percent silver.

21 “(C) not more than 750,000 \$2.50 numis-
22 matic coins, each of which shall weigh 11.34
23 grams, have a diameter of 1.205 inches, and be
24 minted to the specifications for half-dollar coins

1 contained in section 5112(b) of title 31, United
2 States Code.

3 “(2) DESIGN.—

4 “(A) OBVERSE.—The obverse design of
5 any coin minted and issued under this sub-
6 section shall, during the 2-year period begin-
7 ning on the date the Secretary issues any coin
8 under this subsection, bear the image of allegor-
9 ical liberty wielding the Declaration of Inde-
10 pendence featured on the gold \$2.50 Sesqui-
11 centennial Coin issued in 1926.

12 “(B) REVERSE.—The reverse design of
13 any coin minted and issued under this sub-
14 section shall, during the 2-year period begin-
15 ning on the date the Secretary issues any coin
16 under this subsection, bear the image of Inde-
17 pendence Hall featured on the gold \$2.50 Ses-
18 quicentennial Coin issued in 1926.

19 “(C) ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS.—During
20 the 2-year period beginning on the date the
21 Secretary issues any coin under this subsection,
22 each coin minted and issued under this sub-
23 section shall bear the inscriptions
24 ‘Semiquicentennial of the United States’ and
25 ‘1776–2026’.”.

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

6 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Treasury, acting
8 through the Director of the United States Mint shall con-
9 duct a comprehensive study to evaluate the feasibility,
10 practicality, and potential public benefits of minting and
11 issuing a \$2.50 coin for wide circulation in the United
12 States.

13 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of the Treasury, acting
14 through the Director of the United States Mint shall, not
15 later than September 15, 2026, submit a report to the
16 Committee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
18 Urban Affairs of the Senate about the study carried out
19 under subsection (a) that includes—

20 (1) an analysis of the historical use of the
21 \$2.50 denomination;
22 (2) projected production costs associated with
23 minting and issuing a \$2.50 coin for wide circula-
24 tion;

1 (3) the cost-effectiveness of minting and issuing
2 a \$2.50 coin for wide circulation when compared to
3 the costs associated with minting and issuing other
4 coins;

5 (4) an evaluation of potential benefits to com-
6 merce, coin handling, and transaction efficiency that
7 would be associated with the minting and issuing a
8 \$2.50 coin for wide circulation;

11 (A) composition;

12 (B) weight;

13 (C) diameter; and

14 (D) design features to distinguish the
15 \$2.50 coin from existing coins;

16 (6) a description of the ways in which the Sec-
17 retary consulted with stakeholders, including com-
18 mercial banks, cash-handling businesses, consumer
19 groups, and vending and transit industries;

20 (7) an analysis that estimates the potential sei-
21 gniorage associated with a widely circulated \$2.50
22 coin; and

23 (8) a plan that could be followed to mint and
24 issue a \$2.50 coin that includes—

