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To provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds
Semipostal Stamp.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of South Carolina (for himself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KIND, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. TANNER, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species
Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

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 “Multinational Species
5 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS**

2 **SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford a convenient
4 way for members of the public to contribute to funding
5 for the operations supported by the Multinational Species
6 Conservation Funds, the United States Postal Service
7 shall issue a semipostal stamp (hereinafter in this Act re-
8 ferred to as the “Multinational Species Conservation
9 Funds Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with succeeding
10 provisions of this section.

11 (b) COST.—The Multinational Species Conservation
12 Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be offered at a cost equal
13 to the cost of mailing a letter weighing 1 ounce or less
14 at the nonautomation single-piece first-ounce letter rate,
15 in effect at the time of purchase, plus a differential of
16 not less than 25 percent.

17 (c) OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The issuance
18 and sale of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds
19 Semipostal Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of
20 section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and regula-
21 tions issued under such section, subject to subsection (b)
22 and the following:

23 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—All amounts becoming
25 available from the sale of the Multinational
26 Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp

(as determined under section 416(d) of such title 39) shall be transferred to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, for the purpose described in subsection (a), through payments which shall be made at least twice a year, with the proceeds to be divided equally among the African Elephant Conservation Fund, the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund, the Great Ape Conservation Fund, the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund, and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund.

(B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title 39, amounts becoming available from the sale of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp (as so determined) shall not be taken into account in any decision relating to the level of appropriations or other Federal funding to be furnished in any year to—

(i) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; or

(ii) any of the funds identified in subparagraph (A).

1 (2) DURATION.—The Multinational Species
2 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be
3 made available to the public for a period of at least
4 5 years, beginning no later than 12 months after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (3) STAMP DEPICTIONS.—Stamps issued under
7 this Act shall depict images of flagship multinational
8 species, such as African and Asian elephants, rhinoc-
9 eros and tigers, marine turtles, and certain species
10 of great apes.

11 (4) LIMITATION.—The Multinational Species
12 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall not be
13 subject to, or taken into account for purposes of ap-
14 plying, any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of
15 such title 39.

16 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
17 “semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section
18 416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.

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