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To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to extend to certain fine jewelry certain trade benefits of insular possessions of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. JEFFERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 That the additional U.S. notes to chapter 71 of the Har-
4 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States are amended
5 by adding at the end the following new note:
6 “3.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision in additional
7 U.S. note 5 to chapter 91, any article of jewelry pro-
8 vided for in heading 7113 which is the product of
9 the Virgin Islands, Guam, or American Samoa (in-

1 including any such article which contains any foreign
2 component) shall be eligible for the benefits provided
3 in paragraph (h) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter
4 91, subject to the provisions and limitations of that
5 note and of paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this note.
6 “(b) Nothing provided for in this note shall result in an
7 increase or a decrease in the aggregate amount re-
8 ferred to in paragraph (h)(iii) of, or quantitative limi-
9 tation otherwise established pursuant to the require-
10 ments of, additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 91.
11 “(c) Nothing provided for in this note shall be construed
12 to permit a reduction in the amount available to
13 watch producers under paragraph (h)(iv) of addi-
14 tional U.S. note 5 to chapter 91.
15 “(d) The Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the
16 Interior shall issue such regulations, not inconsistent
17 with the provisions of this note and additional U.S.
18 note 5 to chapter 91, as they determine necessary to
19 carry out their respective duties under this note. Such
20 regulations shall not be inconsistent with substantial
21 transformation requirements established by the Unit-
22 ed States Customs Service but may define the cir-
23 cumstances under which articles of jewelry shall be
24 deemed to be ‘units’ for purposes of the benefits, pro-

- 1 visions, and limitations of additional U.S. note 5 to
- 2 chapter 91.”.

