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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Circulating Collectible
5 Coin Redesign Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDESIGNED CIRCULATING COLLECTIBLE COINS.**

2 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(x) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF QUARTER DOL-
6 LARS EMBLEMATIC OF PROMINENT AMERICAN WOMEN
7 AND COMMEMORATING THE 19TH AMENDMENT.—

8 “(1) REDESIGN OF QUARTER DOLLARS BEGIN-
9 NING IN 2022.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning
11 January 1, 2022, notwithstanding the fourth
12 sentence of subsection (d)(1) and subsection
13 (d)(2), the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue
14 quarter dollars that have designs on the reverse
15 selected in accordance with this subsection
16 which are emblematic of the accomplishment of
17 a prominent American woman.

18 “(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO
19 PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwithstand-
20 ing subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may select
21 a design for quarter dollars referred to in sub-
22 paragraph (A) in which—

23 “(i) the inscription described in the
24 second sentence of subsection (d)(1) ap-
25 pears on the reverse side of any such quar-
26 ter dollar; and

1 “(ii) any of the inscriptions described
2 in the third sentence of subsection (d)(1)
3 or the designation of the value of the coin
4 appear on the obverse side of any such
5 quarter dollar.

6 “(C) SINGLE PROMINENT AMERICAN
7 WOMAN ON EACH QUARTER DOLLAR.—The de-
8 sign on the reverse side of each quarter dollar
9 issued under this subsection shall be emblem-
10 atic of the accomplishments and contributions
11 of one prominent woman of the United States,
12 and may include contributions to the United
13 States in a wide spectrum of accomplishments
14 and fields, including but not limited to suffrage,
15 civil rights, abolition, government, humanities,
16 science, space, and arts, and should honor
17 women from ethnically, racially, and geographi-
18 cally diverse backgrounds.

19 “(D) ISSUANCE OF QUARTER DOLLARS EM-
20 BLEMATIC OF UP TO FIVE PROMINENT AMER-
21 ICAN WOMEN EACH YEAR.—The designs for the
22 quarter dollars issued during each year of the
23 period of issuance described under paragraph
24 (4) shall be emblematic of up to five prominent
25 American women.

1 “(E) SELECTION OF PROMINENT AMER-
 2 ICAN WOMEN GENERALLY.—The selection of a
 3 prominent American woman to be featured
 4 under this subsection shall be made by the Sec-
 5 retary—

6 “(i) in accordance with a selection
 7 process developed by the Secretary;

8 “(ii) after soliciting recommendations
 9 from the general public for prominent
 10 women designs for quarter dollars; and

11 “(iii) in consultation with the Smith-
 12 sonian Institution American Women’s His-
 13 tory Initiative, National Women’s History
 14 Museum, and the Bipartisan Women’s
 15 Caucus.

16 “(2) DESIGN GENERALLY.—The coins issued in
 17 accordance with this subsection shall meet the fol-
 18 lowing design requirements—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—All designs under this
 20 subsection shall be selected by the Secretary,
 21 after consultation with the Commission of Fine
 22 Arts and review by the Citizens Coinage Advi-
 23 sory Committee.

24 “(B) OBVERSE.—The design on the ob-
 25 verse of the quarter dollars shall maintain a

1 likeness of George Washington, and be designed
 2 in a manner, such as with incused inscriptions,
 3 so as to distinguish it from the obverse design
 4 used during the previous quarters program.

5 “(3) ISSUANCE OF COINS.—The Secretary shall
 6 prescribe, on the basis of such factors as the Sec-
 7 retary determines to be appropriate, the number of
 8 new designs during each year of the period of
 9 issuance, and the number of coins which shall be
 10 issued with each of the designs selected for such
 11 year.

12 “(4) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The program estab-
 14 lished under this subsection shall continue in ef-
 15 fect until the end of 2025.

16 “(B) CONTINUITY.—After 2025, the Sec-
 17 retary may continue to issue coins minted dur-
 18 ing the program but not yet issued.”.

19 **SEC. 3. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED CIRCULATING COINS**
 20 **EMBLEMATIC OF THE UNITED STATES**
 21 **SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL.**

22 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
 23 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 24 section:

1 “(y) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF COINS EMBLEM-
 2 ATIC OF THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL.—

3 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2026.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

5 “(i) Notwithstanding the 4th, 5th,
 6 and 6th sentences of subsection (d)(1), the
 7 Secretary may change the design on any of
 8 the coins authorized under this section and
 9 minted for issuance during the one-year
 10 period beginning January 1, 2026, in cele-
 11 bration of the United States semiquincen-
 12 tennial.

13 “(ii) Notwithstanding the second and
 14 third sentences of subsection (d)(1), the
 15 Secretary may place the required inscrip-
 16 tions on either the obverse or reverse sides
 17 of the coins authorized for redesign under
 18 this subsection.

19 “(B) QUARTER DOLLARS.—The Secretary
 20 may issue quarter dollars in 2026 with up to
 21 five different designs emblematic of the United
 22 States semiquincentennial. One of the quarter
 23 dollar designs must be emblematic of a woman’s
 24 or women’s contribution to the birth of the Na-
 25 tion or the Declaration of Independence or any

1 other monumental moments in American His-
 2 tory.

3 “(C) DOLLARS.—The Secretary may, in
 4 addition to the coins produced under sub-
 5 sections (r) and (w), mint for issuance during
 6 the one-year period beginning January 1, 2026,
 7 \$1 dollar coins with designs emblematic of the
 8 United States semiquincentennial.

9 “(D) DESIGNS AFTER END OF THE PRO-
 10 GRAM.—Beginning in 2027, any coin redesigned
 11 under this subsection shall revert to the imme-
 12 diately previous designs, with the exception of
 13 the quarter dollar and the half dollar, which
 14 shall bear designs in accordance with subsection
 15 (z).

16 “(E) REDESIGN DEFINITION.—A redesign
 17 authorized under this subsection shall not con-
 18 stitute a ‘change’ for purposes of subsection
 19 (d)(2).

20 “(2) SELECTION OF DESIGNS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each of the designs
 22 authorized under this subsection shall be se-
 23 lected by the Secretary after consultation with
 24 Commission of Fine Arts and review by the
 25 Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee.

“(B) DESIGN SELECTION PROCESS.—Designs shall be developed and selected in accordance with the design selection process developed by the Secretary in consultation with the United States Semiquincentennial Commission and with recommendations from the general public.”.

**SEC. 4. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS
AND HALF DOLLARS EMBLEMATIC OF
SPORTS PLAYED BY AMERICAN YOUTH.**

Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(z) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF QUARTER DOLLARS AND HALF DOLLARS EMBLEMATIC OF SPORTS PLAYED BY AMERICAN YOUTH.—

“(1) REDESIGN OF QUARTER DOLLARS BEGINNING IN 2027.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning January 1, 2027, notwithstanding the fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1) and subsection (d)(2), the Secretary shall issue quarter dollars that have designs on the reverse selected in accordance with this subsection which are emblematic of sports played by American youth.

1 “(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO
2 PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwithstand-
3 ing subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may select
4 a design for quarter dollars referred to in sub-
5 paragraph (A) in which—

6 “(i) the inscription described in the
7 second sentence of subsection (d)(1) ap-
8 pears on the reverse side of any such quar-
9 ter dollars; and

10 “(ii) any of the inscriptions described
11 in the third sentence of subsection (d)(1)
12 or the designation of the value of the coin
13 appear on the obverse side of any such
14 quarter dollars.

15 “(C) SINGLE SPORT ON EACH QUARTER
16 DOLLAR.—The design on the reverse side of
17 each quarter dollar issued under this subsection
18 shall be emblematic of one sport played by
19 American youth.

20 “(D) ISSUANCE OF QUARTER DOLLARS EM-
21 BLEMATIC OF UP TO FIVE SPORTS EACH
22 YEAR.—The designs for the quarter dollars
23 issued during each year of the period referred
24 to in paragraph (5) shall be emblematic of up
25 to five sports.

1 “(E) SELECTION OF SPORTS GEN-
 2 ERALLY.—The Secretary shall select the sports
 3 to be honored during each year of the period re-
 4 ferred to in paragraph (5) after appropriate
 5 outreach and consultation with the public.

6 “(2) REDESIGN OF HALF DOLLARS BEGINNING
 7 IN 2027.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective January 1,
 9 2027, notwithstanding the fourth sentence of
 10 subsection (d)(1) and subsection (d)(2), the
 11 Secretary shall issue half dollars that have de-
 12 signs on the reverse selected in accordance with
 13 this subsection which are emblematic of a sport
 14 tailored to athletes with a range of disabilities,
 15 including physical impairment, vision impair-
 16 ment and intellectual impairment (referred to in
 17 this Act as a ‘Paralympic’ sport).

18 “(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO
 19 PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwithstand-
 20 ing subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may select
 21 a design for half dollars referred to in subpara-
 22 graph (A) in which—

23 “(i) the inscription described in the
 24 second sentence of subsection (d)(1) ap-

1 pears on the reverse side of any such half
2 dollars; and

3 “(ii) any of the inscriptions described
4 in the third sentence of subsection (d)(1)
5 or the designation of the value of the coin
6 appear on the obverse side of any such half
7 dollars.

8 “(C) SINGLE PARALYMPIC SPORT ON EACH
9 HALF DOLLAR.—The design on the reverse side
10 of each half dollar issued under this subsection
11 shall be emblematic of one Paralympic sport.

12 “(D) SELECTION OF SPORTS.—The selec-
13 tion of a Paralympic sport to be honored with
14 a half dollar under this subsection shall be
15 made by the Secretary after consultation with
16 U.S. Paralympics.

17 “(3) DESIGN GENERALLY.—The coins issued in
18 accordance with this subsection shall meet the fol-
19 lowing design requirements:

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—All designs under this
21 subsection shall be selected by the Secretary,
22 after consultation with the Commission of Fine
23 Arts and review by the Citizens Coinage Advi-
24 sory Committee.

1 “(B) QUARTER DOLLAR OBVERSE.—The
 2 design on the obverse of the quarter dollars
 3 shall maintain a likeness of George Washington,
 4 and be designed in a manner so as to distin-
 5 guish it from the obverse design used during
 6 the previous quarter dollars program.

7 “(C) HALF DOLLAR OBVERSE.—The de-
 8 sign on the obverse of the half dollar shall
 9 maintain a likeness of John Kennedy, and be
 10 designed in a manner so as to distinguish it
 11 from the obverse design used on the current
 12 half dollar.

13 “(4) ISSUANCE OF COINS.—

14 “(A) QUARTER DOLLAR.—The quarter dol-
 15 lar coins bearing designs under this subsection
 16 shall be issued at the rate of up to 5 new de-
 17 signs during each year of the period of issuance
 18 described under paragraph (5).

19 “(B) HALF DOLLAR.—The half dollar
 20 coins bearing designs under this subsection
 21 shall be issued at the rate of 1 new design dur-
 22 ing each year of the period of issuance de-
 23 scribed under paragraph (5).

24 “(5) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The program estab-
2 lished under this subsection shall continue in ef-
3 fect until the end of 2030.

4 “(B) CONTINUITY.—After the date speci-
5 fied in subparagraph (A), the Secretary may
6 continue to issue coins minted during the pro-
7 gram but not yet issued.

8 “(6) ACCOMPANYING SPORTS MEDALS.—For
9 every design of a coin honoring a sport issued under
10 this subsection, the Secretary is authorized to design
11 and issue one or more accompanying medals with
12 designs emblematic of the sport honored with the
13 issuance of the coin, and include a surcharge on the
14 sale the medals sold in accordance with this para-
15 graph, in an amount determined by the Secretary, in
16 the Secretary’s sole discretion, that may be used for
17 the design and manufacture of the medals described
18 in paragraph (7).

19 “(7) OLYMPIC MEDALS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is au-
21 thorized to design and manufacture medals for
22 award at the 2028 Olympic Games in Los An-
23 geles, California.

24 “(B) WORKING STOCK.—The Secretary
25 may use Treasury working gold and silver stock

1 in the manufacture of the award medals pro-
 2 duced under this subsection.

3 “(C) OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMIT-
 4 TEES.—The Secretary may provide the medals
 5 described in this paragraph to the United
 6 States Olympic & Paralympic Committee under
 7 terms and conditions established by the Sec-
 8 retary.

9 “(D) COOPERATIVE MARKETING AND PRO-
 10 MOTION OPPORTUNITIES.—The Secretary is en-
 11 couraged to seek out cooperative marketing and
 12 promotion opportunities, including with the
 13 United States Olympic & Paralympic Com-
 14 mittee, LA28, and United States Olympic and
 15 Paralympic Properties to promote the coins and
 16 medals produced under this section.

17 “(8) DESIGNS AFTER END OF PROGRAM.—
 18 Upon the completion or termination of the coin pro-
 19 gram under this subsection, the designs on the quar-
 20 ter dollar and half dollar shall be as follows:

21 “(A) QUARTER DOLLAR.—

22 “(i) OBVERSE.—The obverse of the
 23 quarter dollar shall bear a design con-
 24 taining a likeness of George Washington.

1 “(ii) REVERSE.—The reverse of the
 2 quarter dollar shall be of a design selected
 3 by the Secretary after consultation with
 4 the Commission of Fine Arts and review
 5 by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Com-
 6 mittee.

7 “(B) HALF DOLLAR.—

8 “(i) OBVERSE.—The obverse of the
 9 half dollar shall bear a design containing a
 10 likeness of John Kennedy.

11 “(ii) REVERSE.—The reverse of the
 12 half dollar shall be of a design selected by
 13 the Secretary after consultation with the
 14 Commission of Fine Arts and review by
 15 the Citizens Coinage Advisory Com-
 16 mittee.”.

17 **SEC. 5. SILVER BULLION COINS.**

18 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
 19 amended by replacing subsection (u) with the following re-
 20 vised subsection:

21 “(u) SILVER BULLION INVESTMENT PRODUCT.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
 23 to strike and make available for sale such number
 24 of bullion coins as the Secretary determines to be
 25 appropriate that feature the designs of the quarter

1 dollars and half dollars issued under subsections (x),
2 (y), and (z), that—

3 “(A) have a diameter of 3.0 inches and
4 weigh 5.0 ounces;

5 “(B) contain .999 fine silver;

6 “(C) have incused into the edge the fine-
7 ness and weight of the bullion coin; and

8 “(D) bear an inscription of the denomina-
9 tion of such coins, such denominations to be de-
10 termined by the Secretary as the Secretary de-
11 termines to be appropriate.

12 “(2) FRACTIONALS.—The Secretary is author-
13 ized to mint and issue so-called ‘fractional’ silver
14 bullion coins bearing the designs of the quarter dol-
15 lars and half dollars issued under subsections (x),
16 (y), and (z) in sizes, weights, fineness, and denomi-
17 nations, and with inscriptions, that the Secretary de-
18 termines to be appropriate.

19 “(3) AVAILABILITY FOR SALE.—Should the
20 Secretary exercise the Secretary’s discretion to strike
21 bullion coins under this subsection, the bullion coins
22 minted under paragraph (1) shall become available
23 for sale no sooner than the first day of the calendar
24 year in which the corresponding circulating quarter
25 dollar or half dollar is issued.

1 “(4) CONTINUITY.—Until the conclusion of the
 2 quarter dollar program authorized under subsection
 3 (t), the Secretary shall strike and make available for
 4 sale such number of bullion coins as the Secretary
 5 determines to be appropriate that are likenesses of
 6 the quarter dollars issued under subsection (t).”.

7 **SEC. 6. CIRCULATING COLLECTIBLE STANDARDS AND GEN-**
 8 **ERAL PROVISIONS.**

9 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
 10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 11 section:

12 “(aa) STANDARDS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR
 13 CIRCULATING COLLECTIBLE COINS UNDER SUBSECTIONS
 14 (x), (y), AND (z).—

15 “(1) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REPRESENTA-
 16 TIONS.—No head and shoulders portrait or bust of
 17 any person, living or dead, and no portrait of a liv-
 18 ing person may be included in the design on the re-
 19 verse of any coin under subsections (x), (y), and (z).

20 “(2) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For
 21 purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins and
 22 medals minted under subsections (x), (y), and (z)
 23 shall be considered to be numismatic items.

24 “(3) ISSUANCE.—

1 “(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary
 2 may mint and issue such number of coins of
 3 each design selected under subsections (x), (y),
 4 and (z) in uncirculated and proof qualities as
 5 the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

6 “(B) COORDINATION.—The Board of Gov-
 7 ernors of the Federal Reserve System and the
 8 Secretary shall take steps to ensure that an
 9 adequate supply of coins produced under sub-
 10 sections (x), (y), and (z) are available for com-
 11 merce and collectors at such places and in such
 12 quantities as are appropriate.

13 “(C) NUMBER OF EACH COIN DESIGNS IN
 14 EACH YEAR.—Of the coins issued during each
 15 year of the period of issuance under subsections
 16 (x), (y), and (z), the Secretary shall prescribe,
 17 on the basis of such factors as the Secretary de-
 18 termines to be appropriate, the number of coins
 19 which shall be issued with each of the designs
 20 selected for such year.

21 “(D) SPECIAL INSCRIPTIONS OR SYMBOL
 22 ACROSS THE COINS.—The Secretary is encour-
 23 aged to develop and include on any coin issued
 24 in accordance with subsections (x), (y), or (z),

1 a unifying inscription, privy mark, or other
2 symbol for that particular coin program.

3 “(4) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under
4 subsections (x), (y), and (z) shall be legal tender, as
5 provided in section 5103.

6 “(5) MARKETING AND EDUCATIONAL CAM-
7 PAIGN.—In an effort to advance the collecting of the
8 coins and medals authorized under subsections (x),
9 (y), and (z), and numismatics in general, the Sec-
10 retary may develop and execute a marketing, adver-
11 tising, promotional, and educational program to pro-
12 mote the collecting of the coins and medals author-
13 ized under subsections (x), (y), and (z). As part of
14 this program, the Secretary is encouraged to seek
15 out appropriate cooperative marketing opportunities,
16 and to develop ancillary derivative products beyond
17 traditional numismatic products such as sports,
18 women, and youth oriented products appropriate to
19 the particular coin and medal program.

20 “(6) QUALITY OF MEDALS.—It is the sense of
21 Congress that the medals authorized under sub-
22 section (z) be produced in high relief and, if feasible
23 and cost effective, with surface treatments such as
24 frosting and colorization.”.

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