

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 182

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen **CARROLL, BATEMAN, Gregg, Augustine, Bucco, Assemblywoman Murphy, Assemblymen DeCroce and Garrett**

- 1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Governor and Secretary of the United
2 States Treasury to select a design featuring New Jersey's role in the
3 American Revolution for the coin honoring New Jersey as part of the
4 federal "50 States Commemorative Coin Program."
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, The "50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act" is currently
7 pending before the United States Congress as H.R.2414, and provides for
8 the issuance and redesign of quarter dollar coins to commemorate each of
9 the 50 states; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to this bill, beginning in January 1999 and for 10 years
11 thereafter, five new quarter dollar coins will be issued annually representing
12 five states, selected in the order in which the states ratified the United
13 States Constitution or were admitted into the Union, as the case may be;
14 and
- 15 **WHEREAS**, This program will promote state pride, help educate the youth of
16 the United States about the history and geography of the individual states
17 and raise as much as 5 billion dollars in federal government revenue; and
- 18 **WHEREAS**, The Secretary of the United States Treasury in consultation with
19 the Governor or other officials or groups designated by the State will select
20 the design for New Jersey's coin; and
- 21 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is known as the "Crossroads of the American
22 Revolution," for the following reasons: the armies involved crossed the
23 State several times during the war; General George Washington's army
24 spent more time in New Jersey than in any other state; no state had more
25 engagements take place on its soil; it held a key geographical position at the
26 center of the new nation; and no state suffered more from military conflict
27 and material devastation; and
- 28 **WHEREAS**, In Morristown, New Jersey, citizens provided the Continental
29 Army with critical supplies saving it from dissolution and starvation during
30 the two crucial winters it spent there in 1777 and 1779-1780; and

1 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper and in the public interest for this
2 House to call upon the Governor and Secretary of the United States
3 Treasury to select a design bearing the statement "Crossroads of the
4 American Revolution" and featuring General George Washington's
5 headquarters in Morristown for the coin which will be issued honoring New
6 Jersey as part of the federal "50 States Commemorative Coin Program";
7 now, therefore,

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9 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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11 1. This House urges the Governor and Secretary of the United States
12 Treasury to select a design bearing the statement "Crossroads of the American
13 Revolution" and featuring General George Washington's headquarters in
14 Morristown for the coin which will be issued honoring New Jersey as part of
15 the federal "50 States Commemorative Coin Program."

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17 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
18 the General Assembly and attested to by the Clerk thereof, shall be
19 transmitted to the Governor and Secretary of the United States Treasury.

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24 This resolution urges the Governor and the Secretary of the United States
25 Treasury to select a design bearing the statement "Crossroads of the American
26 Revolution" and featuring General George Washington's headquarters in
27 Morristown for the coin which will be issued honoring New Jersey as part of
28 the federal "50 States Commemorative Coin Program."

29 The "50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act" is currently pending
30 before the United States Congress as H.R.2414. Pursuant to the bill,
31 beginning in January 1999 and for the next 10 years, five new quarter dollar
32 coins will be issued annually, each coin representing a different United States
33 state. The coins will be issued in the order in which the states ratified the
34 United States Constitution or were admitted into the Union. This program will
35 help educate the youth of the United States about the history and geography
36 of the individual states and produce as much as five billion dollars in revenue
37 for the federal government.

38 The Secretary of the United States Treasury in consultation with the
39 Governor will select the design for New Jersey's coin. New Jersey is called
40 the "Crossroads of the American Revolution," because of the integral role it
41 played during the American Revolution. In 1777 and 1779-1780, the
42 Continental Army spent two crucial winters in Morristown. During that time,
43 New Jersey's citizens provided the Continental Army with critical supplies and

1 saved the army from dissolution and starvation. Accordingly, it is appropriate
2 for New Jersey's coin to feature its role in the American Revolution.

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7 Urges Governor and Secretary of the United States Treasury to select design
8 featuring New Jersey's role in American Revolution for federal "50 States
9 Commemorative Coin Program."