



May 16, 2019

To: Members of the U.S. House

From: Chris Carson, President

Re: Cosponsor H.R. 1923, the Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act

The League of Women Voters urges you to cosponsor HR 1923, the Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act, a bill that the League is working with Representative Barbara Lee to move towards passage this session. This partisan neutral legislation has been introduced by Representatives Barbara Lee (CA-13) and Anthony Gonzalez (OH-16) and has support from the U.S. Mint and coin collectors.

This bipartisan measure will honor women in every state and across the country by proposing a series of quarters, beginning in 2021, that would feature a 19th Amendment icon on one side. On the other side, a noteworthy woman, now deceased, would be highlighted. Each state and all U.S. territories would select one of its outstanding women to be honored in this series.

This proposed program parallels the State Quarters Program that was so well received two decades ago and the current National Parks Quarters Program. For our young children and teens, this is an effective, exciting way to acquaint them with the 19th Amendment and over fifty famous women who have made vital contributions to our country.

After Congress passed the 19th Amendment in 1919, but before it was ratified in August of 1920, the same suffragists, who had fought for nearly a century to gain the right to vote for women, formed the League of Women Voters (LWV). 2020 is not only the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, it is also the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. For that reason, the League has a keen interest in seeing the 19th Amendment honored with a coin, featuring women who have been influencers in our great country.

Please cosponsor this legislation and support it when it comes to the floor for a vote and let us know if we can help answer any questions about this important legislation.