[PUBLIC—NO. 485—74TH CONGRESS]

[S. 3699]

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Cincinnati, Ohio, as a center of music, and its contribution to the art of music for the past fifty years.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary in 1936 of the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, as a center of music, and to commemorate Cincinnati's contribution to the art of music in the United States for the past fifty years, there shall be coined, at the mints of the United States, silver 50-cent pieces to the number of not more than fifteen thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and such design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. Such 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

SEC. 2. The coins herein authorized shall be issued only upon the request of the Cincinnati Musical Center Commemorative Coin Association, of Cincinnati, Ohio, upon payment by such Cincinnati Musical Center Commemorative Coin Association of the par value of such coins, and it shall be permissible for the said Cincinnati Musical Center Commemorative Coin Association to obtain said coins upon said payment, all at one time or at separate times, and in separate amounts, as it may determine.

SEC. 3. All laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating the guarding and process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for security of the coins, or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: *Provided*, That the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

Approved, March 31, 1936.