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#### (54) **SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE** PERFORMING RECURSIVE ZQ CALIBRATION AND CALIBRATION METHOD THEREOF

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#### (57)ABSTRACT

A semiconductor memory device may include an impedance adjustment pad, a dummy pull-down driver and an external resistor connected in parallel between the impedance adjustment pad and a ground, a recursive code generation circuit configured to recursively generate a pull-up code and a pull-down code corresponding to a target resistance by using the external resistor and the dummy pull-down driver as a reference resistance, in an impedance calibration operation of the semiconductor memory device, a code register configured to store the generated pull-up code and the pulldown code, and a calibration control logic circuit configured to control the recursive code generation circuit during a plurality of steps in the impedance calibration operation while adjusting a resistance value of the dummy pull-down

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