

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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March 27, 2006

The Honorable John W. Snow
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Snow:

With this Annual Report, the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) fulfills its responsibility under Public Law 108-15 to describe its activities during Fiscal Year 2005 and to report its recommendations to the Secretary of the Treasury regarding coin designs and future commemorative coin themes.

The images on American coins tell the story of our nation and its achievements. In evaluating proposed coin designs, the CCAC considers both their historical background and their artistic merit. The CCAC serves as an informed, experienced and impartial resource to the Secretary of the Treasury, and represents the interests of American citizens and coin collectors.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitch Sanders". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mitch Sanders
Chair

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC)

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2005

October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005

A. Background

Public Law 108-15, approved on April 23, 2003, established the CCAC to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on themes and design proposals relating to circulating coinage, commemorative coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals and national medals. As specified by legislation, this report summarizes the CCAC's activities for the fiscal year 2005, and presents the CCAC's recommendations for commemorative coinage in each of the next five calendar years.

B. CCAC Recommendations

1. Recommendation for Circulating Commemoratives

Because circulating coins touch all Americans on an everyday basis, circulating coin designs are a highly effective way to present our country's history, achievements, and values. The CCAC acknowledges and appreciates the efforts of Congress regarding circulating commemoratives, including current proposals to portray Presidents on circulating dollar coins and to issue multiple cent designs for Lincoln's bicentennial in 2009.

From the perspective of the CCAC, it is quite apparent that the two recent circulating commemorative programs, the ongoing 50 State Quarters Program and the Westward Journey Nickel Series™, have been tremendously successful. To build on those successes, the CCAC recommends that, in addition to the proposed changes in the dollar and the cent, consideration be given to other new issues of circulating commemoratives.

For example, a "Great Americans" quarter program could honor distinguished American historical figures in various fields and their achievements, with multiple quarter designs issued for circulation every year. Another alternative would be annual changes in the designs of several circulating denominations, to promote the United States and its science, culture, and history.

The CCAC would be pleased to serve as a resource in the development of proposals for circulating commemoratives.

2. Recommendations for Numismatic Commemoratives

The United States Congress has a long tradition of authorizing numismatic commemoratives, made by the United States Mint for sale to the general public. The Commemorative Coin Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208) provides that the Secretary may mint and issue no

more than two commemorative coin programs in any calendar year. The CCAC recommends that each year's two programs should be selected from the following alternatives:

2006:

Program already enacted:

300th Anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin [250,000 silver dollars portraying a younger Franklin image and 250,000 silver dollars portraying an older Franklin image, authorized by Public Law 108-464].

Program recommended by the CCAC:

100th Anniversary of the San Francisco Mint in the 1906 Earthquake. Founded in 1854 after the California gold rush, the San Francisco Mint served the monetary needs of the American West. In the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire, the Mint also played a key role in the city's recovery. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

2007:

Program already enacted:

Jamestown Settlement 400th [500,000 silver dollars and 100,000 gold \$5 coins, authorized by Public Law 108-289].

Programs recommended by the CCAC:

50th Anniversary of the Desegregation of Little Rock Central High School. This dramatic event was a significant milestone in the American Civil Rights Movement. In recognition of its importance, the "Little Rock Nine" were awarded Congressional Gold Medals in 1999. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

100th Anniversary of the birth of Rachel Carson. Carson's 1962 book *Silent Spring* heralded the development of the contemporary environmental movement. Carson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

2008:

Program Already Enacted:

American Bald Eagle Recovery [750,000 copper-nickel clad half-dollars, 500,000 silver dollars, and 100,000 \$5 gold coins, authorized by Public Law 108-486].

Programs Recommended by the CCAC:

150th Anniversary of the Birth of Theodore Roosevelt. In addition to its historical importance, a coin commemorating Roosevelt is likely to be popular among numismatists because of his influence on American coinage design. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

50th Anniversary of NASA and Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Since 1958 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory have advanced knowledge and achievement with both manned and unmanned explorations of the Solar System. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

2009:

Programs Already Enacted: None

Programs Recommended by the CCAC:

200th Anniversary of the Birth of Louis Braille. Braille, a Frenchman, developed a system of writing using raised dots to facilitate communication for the visually impaired. Variants of his system are still used around the world today. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

200th Anniversary of Robert Fulton's steamboat patent. Fulton's first steamboat, the *North River Steamboat* (also called the *Clermont*), was a major development in transportation and commerce in the early United States. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

2010:

Programs Already Enacted: None

Programs Recommended by the CCAC:

150th Anniversary of the Pony Express/50th Anniversary of Echo communications satellite. This joint commemorative would celebrate the evolution of American communication technology, from hand-carried messages to instant global information. Recommended mintage: 500,000 coins, with consideration given to a bimetallic bronze/silver or bimetallic gold/silver composition.

American Veterans Disabled for Life. The Armed Forces of the United States have served bravely in conflicts around the world, and this program would honor the sacrifices of American's living disabled veterans. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

3. Other Recommendations

The very popular 2003 National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial medal series demonstrated that Americans will collect medals with appealing designs. Medals and bullion coins provide an excellent opportunity to showcase the artistic abilities of the United States Mint, and the CCAC has a continuing interest in considering such issues.

One possibility would be a bullion coin or medal series showcasing advanced design techniques. These could include colorized medals, laser etching, selective gold-plating, holograms, enamel paint, gold cameo inserts, holographic colors, or bi-metallic outer rings. The technique of colorizing would be ideal to bring the natural beauty of the Autumn Foliage in New England, the Northern Lights of Alaska, the Big Sky Country in the North West, and the Cherry Blossoms of Washington D.C.

C. CCAC Activities During Fiscal Year 2005

1. State Quarter Designs:

The United States Mint's 50 State Quarters[®] Program honors each state in the Union with a design for the reverse of the commemorative circulating quarter-dollar. Since the Program's origin in 1999, five coins have been issued each year in the order in which the states' ratified the United States Constitution or were admitted to the Union. The CCAC's recommendations to the Secretary of the Treasury for the 2005 commemorative quarters and the designs to be issued are described below and pictured in Appendix B.

2006 Nevada

For Nevada's quarter, the CCAC recommended an image of a desert bighorn sheep, and widely praised this design as both innovative and aesthetically appealing. There was also considerable support for a design showing a silver miner. The design chosen to be issued features wild horses with mountains and the sun in the background.

2006 Nebraska

The CCAC recommended one of two designs for the Nebraska quarter. Members commended a design featuring a covered wagon passing Chimney Rock as both meaningful and historic, and they also recommended a design featuring the Native American rights advocate Chief Standing Bear. The Chimney Rock design was chosen to be issued.

2006 Colorado

An image of mountains and a columbine flower was recommended by the CCAC for Colorado's quarter. The design to be chosen, also featuring mountains, was the CCAC's second recommendation.

2006 North Dakota

For the North Dakota quarter, the CCAC recommended a design portraying a modern farm, and members praised the agriculture theme as an excellent representation of the State. The design chosen to be issued, featuring two grazing buffalo, was the CCAC's second recommendation.

2006 South Dakota Quarter [reviewed in Fiscal Year 2004]

For the South Dakota quarter, the CCAC recommended an image of the State bird, the ring-necked pheasant. The selected design features a ring-necked pheasant flying over Mount Rushmore.

2. Jefferson Nickel Designs:

The year 2005 is the final year of the Westward Journey Nickel Series[™], which commemorates the bicentennials of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition as depicted on circulating five-cent coins (nickels). Public Law 108-15 requires nickels issued after December 31, 2005, to depict a likeness of Thomas Jefferson on the obverse, and an image of Monticello on the reverse which could include the original Jefferson nickel reverse design of Monticello by Felix Schlag. In the past year, the CCAC considered obverse and reverse designs for nickels to be issued beginning in 2006.

For the obverse, the CCAC's first preference was a forward-facing image of Jefferson based on a portrait by Rembrandt Peale. This design was more highly rated than the design to be issued in 2005, and was much more highly rated than the obverse design used from 1938 to 2004. The CCAC also recommended that the word "Liberty" appear in Jefferson's own handwriting, as on the 2005 nickel obverse. The CCAC's recommended design was selected by the Secretary of the Treasury for issue in 2006.

For the image of Monticello on the reverse, the CCAC strongly preferred a close-up view of the West Portico. Members appreciated the bold view of Monticello on this design, and also liked the simplicity of the lettering and the presentation of the denomination as "5¢." This image was strongly preferred over the reverse used from 1938 to 2003. The design chosen to be issued is a restored version of the reverse used from 1938 to 2003, with some of Monticello's details enhanced.

3. Commemorative Coin Designs:

2006 Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary

The CCAC reviewed designs for the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commemorative Coins. The authorizing legislation (Public Law 108-64) specifies that one coin is to have an obverse image of Franklin as a young man, with a reverse image "related to Benjamin Franklin's role as a patriot and a statesman." The other coin is to feature an older image of Franklin on the obverse, and on the reverse "an image related to Benjamin Franklin's role in developing the early coins and currency of the new country." For all of these images, the CCAC recommended some revisions for the sake of aesthetics or accuracy.

The CCAC's recommendations were as follows:

Young Franklin obverse: Franklin flying a kite to investigate the nature of lightning.

Young Franklin reverse: "Join or Die" cartoon, which was considered to be educational, historically significant, and to present a clear message about the country.

Older Franklin obverse: An upward-looking portrait of Franklin, or a portrait in conjunction with Franklin's signature.

Older Franklin reverse: A substantially modified version of a design showing coins and currency designed by Franklin. The CCAC recommended removal of the standing figure of Franklin, and removal of three of the five pieces of money.

4. Bullion Coin Designs:

The CCAC considered proposed designs for the reverse of the American Eagle Platinum proof bullion coins for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008. This series of coins will represent the three branches of the United States Government: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.

For the 2006 issue representing the Legislative branch, the CCAC recommended a design featuring a Legislative Muse reflecting on the act of lawmaking. Members praised this design as

very nice and interesting, and an appropriate allegorical representation of the Legislative branch of government. For the 2007 Executive branch issue, the CCAC recommended an image of an American eagle with shield and a ribbon inscribed with “Freedom.” Members appreciated the contemporary meaning of the design, the strength of the eagle, and the inscription. For the Judicial branch issue of 2008, the CCAC recommended a design portraying the American eagle representing the strength of the United States and the owl representing wisdom. Members considered this design to be dramatic, beautifully done, and symbolic; further, the CCAC felt that the combination of two powerful figures was interesting and innovative, and would work very well on a coin.

5. Medal Designs:

The CCAC recommended the proposed design for the medal portraying former Treasury Secretary Paul O’Neill, with some suggested modifications.

The CCAC recommended the proposed obverse design for a Congressional Gold Medal honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott King. The CCAC did not recommend the proposed reverse design, and suggested that a symbolic representation with a shorter and more familiar quotation would have been a more powerful design.

D. Update on Previous CCAC Recommendations

2005 John Marshall Silver Dollar

For the obverse of the Chief Justice John Marshall Commemorative Coin, the CCAC recommended a design with a three-quarter portrait of the Chief Justice. The chosen obverse design was not among those considered by the CCAC, but it did incorporate the CCAC’s suggested wording for inscriptions. For the reverse, the CCAC preferred a design featuring an interior view of the old Supreme Court chamber. Members felt that this reverse design was innovative and would be an appealing image when coined. This design was selected for issue.

2005 Marine Corps Silver Dollar

For the obverse of the Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin, the CCAC recommended an image of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima, with the word “Liberty” appearing prominently in the field. The issued design included the same central image but differed in its details from the CCAC’s recommendation. For the reverse, the CCAC endorsed a design portraying the Marine Corps emblem. This design was chosen to be issued.

2005 Platinum Proof Bullion Coins

For the reverse of the 2005 Platinum Proof bullion coins, the CCAC recommended a design showing an eagle and a cornucopia. This design was selected to be issued.

E. CCAC Public Meetings held during Fiscal Year 2005

The CCAC held six public meetings during Fiscal Year 2005. All were held at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC, unless otherwise indicated.

November 16, 2004

January 25, 2005

March 15, 2005

May 24, 2005

July 28, 2005 (at the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association in San Francisco, CA).

September 27, 2005

F. CCAC Miscellaneous Activities

1. Public Forum:

The CCAC held a Public Forum in San Francisco, California, on July 28, 2005, in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association. This Public Forum was an opportunity for the CCAC members to share their views and hear from the general public on United States coins and medals. The forum was not a meeting of the CCAC and did not include official CCAC business.

At the forum, attendees discussed various ideas related to coin design. These included the appeal of circulating commemoratives, the desirability of high relief on coinage, the importance of maintaining limits on the number of numismatic commemoratives for sale to collectors, the advantages of consistency between a coin's obverse and reverse designs, and other considerations regarding the aesthetic appeal of a coin's design.

2. Internet Website

In July 2005, the CCAC launched its website, www.ccac.gov. The website provides information and documents regarding the CCAC's role and activities, and enables the public to submit comments to the CCAC.

G. Membership of the CCAC

The CCAC consists of 11 members appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Four members are appointed based on their special qualifications; three members are appointed to represent the general public; and four members are appointed after recommendation by the leadership of the United States Congress. As of the CCAC's September 27, 2005, meeting, three positions remained open, with one member serving an extended period allowable under the authorizing legislation.

The following three members served on the CCAC during Fiscal Year 2005 but were not on the committee at the end of the year: Daniel Altshuler (appointed based on special qualifications in medallic sculpture), Thomas Noe (appointed after recommendation by Speaker Hastert), and Robert Remini (appointed based on special qualifications in American History).

The members of the CCAC at the end of the term were:

Leon G. Billings (appointed after recommendation by Senate Majority Leader Daschle)

Leon G. Billings is President of a Bethesda, Maryland, consulting firm that designs public policy strategies on issues pending before Congress and advises clients on environmental, energy,

health and safety legislation. From 1991 to 2002, Mr. Billings served in the Maryland State Legislature. From 1966 until 1981, Mr. Billings held positions with the offices of Senator and Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie. Currently, Mr., Billings serves on the Board of Directors of several environmental organizations and companies.

Bill Fivaz (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatics)

Bill Fivaz has been a numismatist for over 50 years. He has served on the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Board of Governors and has received that organization's highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Award. He also received the ANA Medal of Merit, was named the ANA Numismatist of the year and was elected into the ANA Hall of Fame. He has taught at the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs for over 20 years, as well as at various regional, state and local conventions. Mr. Fivaz is retired after having served for over 36 years in sales with the Nestle Company.

Constance Harriman (appointed to represent the general public)

Constance B. Harriman, Chair person of the CCAC during Fiscal Year 2004, has helped formulate U.S. trade, natural resource and legal policy in executive positions at three United States government agencies: the United States Export-Import Bank and the Departments of Justice and Interior. During her over 20 years of legal, public policy, and management experience, Ms. Harriman has worked extensively with Congress, Federal agencies, the media, and special interest groups. Her private sector experience included working with a California law firm at which she specialized in corporate law and litigation. Ms. Harriman currently serves on the Board of Directors and Finance Committee of the Decatur House, a National Trust for Historic Preservation property in Washington, D.C., and as a member of the Women's Committee of the Washington Opera. Her former board affiliations include the Southern Africa Wildlife Trust and the National Policy Association, whose board comprises top U.S. business and labor leaders.

Dr. Rita Laws (appointed to represent the general public)

Dr. Rita Laws, a former schoolteacher, is a freelance numismatic writer and researcher of Indian Peace Medals. A member of the Oklahoma Choctaw tribe and the mother of 12 children, she is also a special needs adoption advocate and volunteers as her state's representative for the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC). She has just completed a book about collecting lucky coins, medals, currency and pocket pieces.

Dr. Mitchell Sanders (appointed to represent the general public)

Dr. Mitchell Sanders graduated from Duke University in 1991 and received a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Rochester in 1997. He is author or co-author of various academic articles, and co-author of the monograph *Understanding Multivariate Research*. He has been on the faculty at Florida State University and the University of Notre Dame, and currently works as a Research Scientist in Rochester, New York. An avid coin collector, Dr. Sanders has published several articles examining the numismatic connection between symbolism and society, and he

writes a monthly column for beginning collectors in the American Numismatic Association's magazine, *Numismatist*.

Donald Scarinci (appointed after recommendation by Minority Leader Pelosi)

Donald Scarinci has written articles and conducted presentations on the subject of art medals at the New York Numismatic Club, the American Numismatic Association and the American Medallist Sculpture Association's (AMSA) recent exhibit of Contemporary Art medals at the Forest Lawn Museum in January 2005. He has taught classes to summer students at the American Numismatic Society (ANS) about the history of the art medal for the last two summers. Donald Scarinci currently serves as a member of the Saltus Award Committee of the ANS. In addition to being a member of the AMSA, Scarinci is also a member of the Finnish Art Medal Society, the Dutch Art Medal Society and the British Art Medal Society. Mr. Scarinci's numismatic interests include Colonial U.S. coins and Commemorative U.S. coins. He is one of five founding officers of the Colonial Coin Collectors Club (C-4), founded in 1992. Mr. Scarinci is the Founding Partner of Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, one of the State's largest law firms with 55 attorneys. He has recently published a book, "David Brearley and the making of the United States Constitution."

Kenneth Thomsma (appointed after recommendation by Majority Leader Frist)

Kenneth Thomsma has been an educator for more than 50 years, serving as a teacher, principal, professor, professional storyteller and writing workshop leader. Mr. Thomsma graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1953, and earned a Masters' Degree from the University of Michigan in 1958. He is the author of "The Truth about Sacajawea," along with a series of fictional books about Native American children. From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Thomsma assisted the Department of the Treasury in its communications and discussions with the Shoshone Tribe during the development of the Golden Dollar. Mr. Thomsma is a long-time member of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

Dr. Ute Wartenberg Kagan (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatic curation)

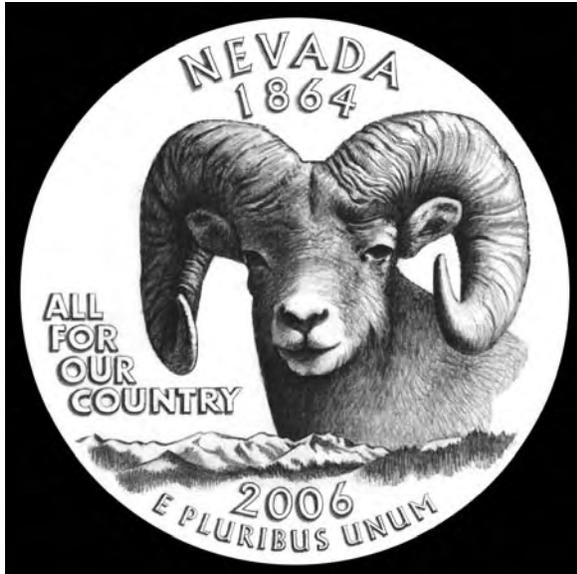
Dr. Ute Wartenberg Kagan is the Executive Director of the American Numismatic Society in New York City. The American Numismatic Society is one of the oldest museums in the United States and is dedicated to the study and preservation of coins, currency, medals and other monetary objects. Previously, Dr. Wartenberg served as Curator of Greek Coins in the British Museum in London. Dr. Wartenberg has published many books and articles in the field of ancient numismatics and history. She is also a member of many numismatic organizations in the United States and overseas. Although not a collector, Dr. Wartenberg has long been interested in coins and archaeology. Born in Saarbruecken on the French-German border, she used to visit ancient Roman sites around her hometown to uncover ancient coins. Fascinated by their beauty and their antiquity, she decided to study history and archaeology at the University of Saarbruecken. As a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, she wrote a Ph.D. dissertation in papyrology, researching ancient papyrus texts from Egypt.

H. CCAC Recommended Designs and Designs to Be Issued

1. State Quarter Designs

Nevada State Quarter

CCAC Recommended Designs

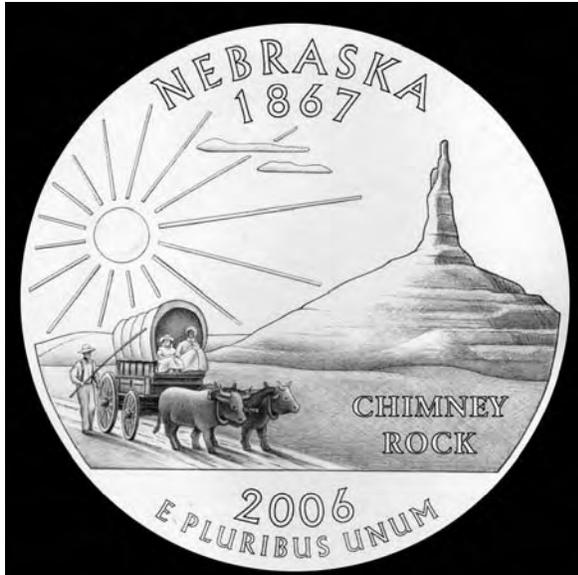


Design Chosen to be Issued



Nebraska State Quarter

CCAC Recommended Designs

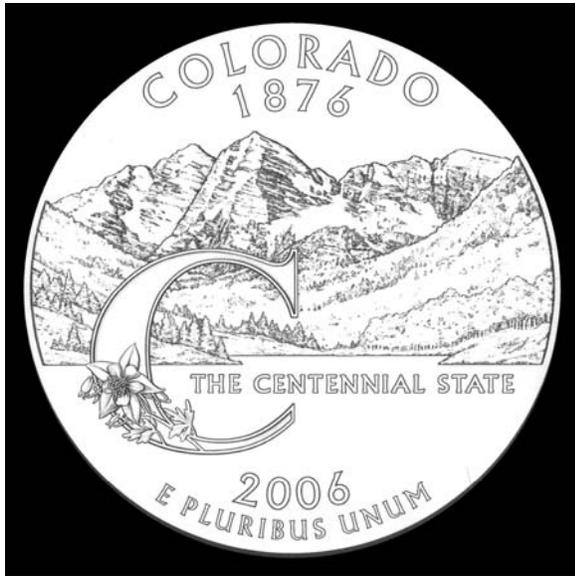


Design Chosen to be Issued



Colorado State Quarter

CCAC Recommended Design



Design Chosen to be Issued



North Dakota State Quarter

CCAC Recommended Design



Design Chosen to be Issued



South Dakota State Quarter

CCAC Recommended Design

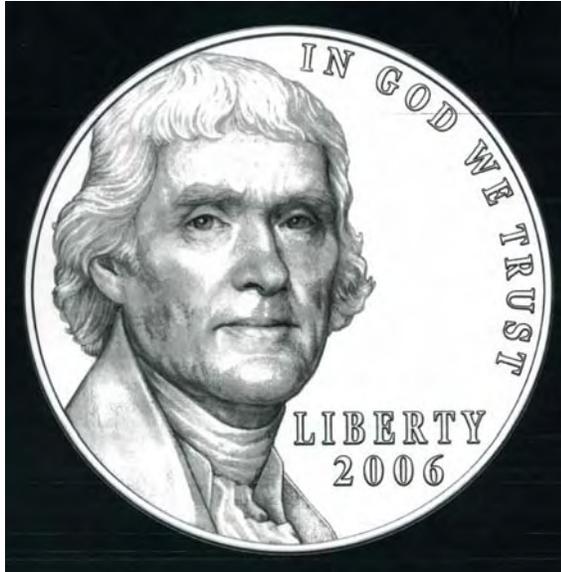


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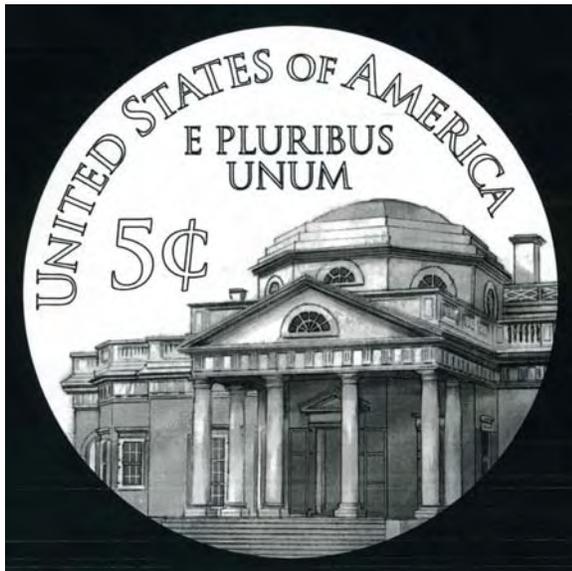


2. Jefferson Nickel

CCAC Recommended Designs



Designs Chosen to be Issued



3. Commemorative Coin Designs

John Marshall Commemorative Silver Dollar

CCAC Recommended Designs



Designs Chosen to be Issued



Marine Corps Commemorative Silver Dollar

CCAC Recommended Designs



Designs Chosen to be Issued



Younger Benjamin Franklin Commemorative Silver Dollar

CCAC Recommended Designs



Older Benjamin Franklin Commemorative Silver Dollar

CCAC Recommended Designs



4. Bullion Coin Designs

American Eagle Platinum Proofs

2005: Recommended by the CCAC and Chosen to be Issued



CCAC Recommended Design: 2006



CCAC Recommended Design: 2007



CCAC Recommended Design: 2008



5. Medal Designs

Paul O'Neill Medal

CCAC Recommended Designs



Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King Congressional Gold Medal

CCAC Recommended Design

