September 22, 2012

The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Friday, September 21, 2012, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed obverse and reverse designs for Code Talkers Congressional Gold Medals for the Hunkpati Dakota Oyate Crow Creek Tribe and Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe.

For the medal honoring the Hunkpati Dakota Oyate Crow Creek Tribe Code Talkers, the Committee recommended Obverse-01 and Reverse 01 by a vote of 4 ayes and 3 nays. The Committee subsequently voted unanimously to recommend that the inscription, “Act of Congress 2008” appearing near the upper edge of Reverse 01 be moved to bottom edge of the design while the inscriptions, “World War I” and “World War II” appearing near the bottom edge be moved to the area near the upper edge. Committee members felt the moving the latter inscriptions to the area near the upper edge gave appropriate emphasis to the wars wherein tribal members served as code talkers.

For the medal honoring Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe Code Talkers, the Committee recommended Obverse-01. The design garnered 18 of the possible 21 scoring points. For the reverse, the Committee collectively assigned 21 of the possible 21 scoring points to Reverse-01, thereby recommending the design.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Marks
Chair
September 21, 2012

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Dear Secretary Geithner:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Friday, September 21, 2012, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed designs for the reverse of the 2013 Native American $1 Coin.

The 2013 design theme for the reverse of the Native American $1 Coin was “The Delaware Treaty (1778)” commemorating the first formal treaty signed between the United States and a Native American tribe.

After reviewing thirteen (13) candidate designs, the Committee recommended design 2013-NA-R-10. The design, which garnered 11 of the 21 possible points through the Committee’s scoring process, shows images of a wolf, turkey and turtle, emblematic of the clans of the Delaware Tribe. Thirteen stars arranged in a semi-circular fashion around the images represent the thirteen states of the Union in 1778. Members of the Committee commented that the imagery of the three animals was an appropriate inclusionary portrayal of the three tribal clans and that the animals and stars shown together provided an attractive symbolic representation of the treaty between the two parties.

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