

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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February 13, 2014

The Honorable Jack Lew
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Lew:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed reverse designs for the 2015 America the Beautiful Quarters Program honoring Homestead National Monument of America in Nebraska, Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana, Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Delaware, and Saratoga National Historical Park in New York.

For the quarter dollar reverse design honoring Homestead National Monument of America in Nebraska, the Committee recommended design HP-02, bearing a symbolic design representing the fundamentals of survival common to all homesteaders; including food, shown as two ears of corn; shelter, represented by an image of a pioneer cabin; and water, portrayed through an image of a water well hand pump. The design received 19 of the 33 possible points through the Committee's scoring process. The Committee approved a motion recommending the U.S. Mint eliminate the 30 stars surrounding the symbolic elements of the design and that the words "FREE LAND" be added to the design in a space deemed appropriate by the Mint's engraving staff.

For the quarter dollar honoring Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana, the Committee recommended design KNF-07, showing a red cockaded woodpecker in flight against a towering background of long leaf pine trees. The design garnered 21 of the 33 possible points through the Committee's scoring process. The Committee approved a motion recommending that the U.S. Mint eliminate or trim back some of the images of trees shown in the background so as to bring higher definition to the bird's image.

For the quarter dollar honoring Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, the design receiving the highest point total and the Committee's recommendation was BRP-05 with 27 of 33 possible points. Members felt the design provided an attractive portrayal of the parkway.

Design BH-01, depicting a great blue heron, was recommended by the Committee for the quarter dollar honoring Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Delaware. The design garnered 20 of 33 possible points through the Committee's scoring process. The Committee subsequently approved a motion recommending the U.S. Mint remove the uppermost horizon

line shown in the design's background. Members commented that elimination of the horizon line would help increase the visual definition of the bird and produce a more attractive coin.

Finally, by unanimous vote, the Committee recommended design SNHP-03 for the quarter dollar honoring Saratoga National Historical Park in New York. The design features a close-up of the passing of the sword in the surrender of British General Burgoyne to U.S. General Gates at the close of the Battle of Saratoga in 1777. In its motion to recommend design SNHP-03, the Committee further recommended that the inscription "Surrender 1777" shown on the design be modified to read, "British Surrender 1777".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary B. Marks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Marks".

Gary B. Marks
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