



March 10, 2020

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC 20220

Dear Mr. Secretary:

A telephonic public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

The purposes of the CCAC meeting were to review and discuss the Candidate designs for the Barbara Bush First Spouse Gold Coin and Bronze Medal; and to discuss suggestions proposed to the CCAC by members of the general public.

Barbara Bush First Spouse Gold Coin and Bronze Medal: The CCAC's design recommendations are as follows:

- 1) **Obverse 1.** This design features a portrait design that was the Bush family's preference and the Commission of Fine Art's recommendation. The CCAC recommended this design unanimously, based primarily on the family's preference.
- 2) **Reverse 6.** Reverse designs all depicted various emblematic designs of family literacy. In 1989, Barbara Bush, as First Lady, founded the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, providing education opportunities for young children and their parents. The CCAC recommends the Bush family's preference, Reverse No. 6, however, two other designs enjoyed support from the CCAC. Reverse Design 1, which depicted books in staircase formation representing the steps to learning, freedom and independences, garnered support based on its depiction of family literacy and the symbolic sunlight featured in the design. Reverse Design 7 depicts the moment a child is introduced to the world of books by an adult. The CCAC Members liked the use of hands turning the page and that it depicted the family involvement in learning to read.

Public Discussion: The CCAC discussed the upcoming pending legislation for 2022 Commemorative Coin Programs as well as potential other ideas to suggest to Congress. During general discussion, the use of common obverse and reverse designs across coins of a commemorative coin program was discouraged as this makes it difficult to tell a fully story and removes flexibility in a program. Another area of focus was that coins depicting animals sell and there appears to be a general interest in more coins in this area. Members discussed how H.R. 5527, the Conan Commemorative Coin Act and a coin celebrating Charles Schultz for his anniversary would be ways to do that. On a voice vote the committee suggested for Congress to consider a commemorative coin honoring Charles Schulz in a three coin series.

Sincerely yours,

/s
Thomas Uram
Chairman
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee