September 18, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Wednesday September 18, 2019, to review and discuss the obverse and reverse designs for the USS Indianapolis Congressional Gold Medal.

The portfolio for both obverse and reverse designs was well received by the Committee. The liaisons, Peggy McCall Campo – Official Liaison, USS Indianapolis Survivors Organization and Sara Vladic – Author and Historian, joined the meeting via telephone. Sara has written books and documentaries about the USS Indianapolis and is a member of the USS Indianapolis Survivors Organization volunteer team.

The liaison preferred designs IND-O-07 and IND-R-07.

IND-O-07 depicts the USS Indianapolis with her ten battle stars. Interspersed among a border of rivets are the inscriptions “USS INDIANAPOLIS CA-35” and her dates of service “1932-1945.” The additional inscription “ACT OF CONGRESS 2018” is also included.

IND-R-07 depicts a group of survivors clinging to a raft. They have spotted either a plane or the USS Cecil J. Doyle, giving them renewed hope for their rescue. The PV-1 Ventura, the PBY-5A Catalina, and the Cecil J. Doyle were essential to critical moments in the rescue. Many survivors reported seeing the PV-1 Ventura tipping its wings: and many remember the search light on the Doyle as a sign from above that help was on the way. Additional inscriptions include “1195 SAILLED, 316 SURVIVED “and “ACT OF CONGRESS 2018.”

The CCAC respects the liaisons’ preferences, but after discussion recommended the liaisons also consider IND-O-09 and IND-R-05. After discussion with the liaisons, the Committee voted to recommend two sets of designs -- IND-O-07 & IND-R-07 and IND-O-09 & IND-R-05.

Respectfully,

Thomas Uram, Chairperson
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Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Wednesday September 18, 2019, to review and discuss the reverse designs for the 2020 American Innovation Dollar Coin Program.

The first state discussed was Connecticut. The themes presented by the Connecticut Governor’s office were the Colt Armory, the Gerber Variable Scale and the USS Nautilus. After discussion, the Committee voted to recommend CT-08 Gerber Variable Scale and CT-16 USS Nautilus.

CT-08 depicts the Gerber Variable Scale being used to increase a geometric shape by 200%, a shape which resembles the state of Connecticut. The additional inscription is “GERBER VARIABLE SCALE.” CT-16 depicts the USS Nautilus beneath the surface of the Arctic. An atom represents the uranium-powered nuclear reactor that powers the submarine. The additional inscription is “USS NAUTILUS.” CT-08 received 26 votes and CT-16 received 21 votes out of a possible 33 vote total.

The Governor’s Office of Massachusetts presented themes of the Telephone and Basketball. The Telephone design MA-01 received the highest number of Committee votes 23 of a possible 33. MA-01 depicts the dial of an early rotary dial telephone. The additional inscription is “TELEPHONE.” The second highest was design MA-14 basketball theme. Ultimately, the Committee voted to recommend MA-01.

The Governor’s Office of Maryland presented the following themes for its Innovation Dollar: The Hubble Space Telescope and Mapping of the Human Genome. Both were considered unique themes. Ultimately, the Committee voted to recommend MD-05 with 26 of a possible 33 votes. MD-05 depicts the Hubble Space Telescope orbiting the earth surrounded by a field of stars. The additional inscription is “THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE.”

The Governor’s Office of South Carolina presented the following themes: Septima Clark and the MASER Innovation. After discussion the CCAC recommends Septima Clark design SC-02, which received 23 of 33 votes. SC-02 depicts Septima Clark marching with three young African American students who carry books and an American flag, communicating that education and

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literacy among oppressed people is necessary for empowerment and enjoyment of civil rights. The additional inscription is ‘SEPTIMA CLARK." SC-01 received 21 votes.

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Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Wednesday September 18, 2019, to review and discuss the obverse and reverse design of Chinese-American Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal.

The CCAC was honored to have present the following liaisons: Major General Robert Lee, US Army Retired (Chair), Mr. Ed Gor, C.A.C.A National President and CGM Overall Chair, Mr. Ed Moy, former Director of the United States Mint, Major General William Chen, US Army Retired, Major General Stephen Tom, US Army Retired, Major General Darryl Wong, US Air Force Retired and Rear Admiral Jonathan Yuen, US Navy Retired. The Director of the Mint David J. Ryder welcomed the liaisons and made introductory comments.

The preference of the liaisons is design CAV-O-07 paired with CAV-R-06 with the stipulation of a revised “outer rim” from CAV-R-04 as shown during the meeting in CAV-R-06A. CAV-O-07 depicts Chinese-American servicemen and a nurse, representing all U.S. service branches in World War II and highlighting that they fought in every theater with honor. Inscriptions include “CHINESE-AMERICAN VETERANS,” “WORLD WAR II,” “DISTINGUISHED SERVICE,” and “PROUDLY SERVED ON LAND, SEA, & IN THE AIR.” The liaison asked that the text, “PROUDLY SERVED ON LAND, SEA & IN THE AIR” be replaced with “PROUDLY SERVED AS AMERICANS.” They asked that the hyphen be removed from “CHINESE-AMERICANS.” They also asked for two technical accuracy changes: to change the rifle held by the enlisted soldier to an M-1 rifle and to refine the appearance of the goggles atop the helmet of the member of the Army Air Forces. The CCAC agreed with these requested changes.

CAV-R-06A features an Iowa class battleship, a M4 Sherman tank, and a P-40 Warhawk aircraft from the Flying Tigers to highlight that the Chinese-Americans fought in all theaters, from all services on and, sea and in the air. The design is encircled by text listing all six services the Chinese Americans served in and the inscription “ACT OF CONGRESS 2018.” The liaison asked that the text start at the bottom left quadrant of the border of the medal and end at the bottom right quadrant of the medal so that none of the services are upside down. The liaison also requested several technical accuracy changes: place a flagpole at the front of the ship and correct the positioning of the Army Air Forces roundels. The CCAC agreed with these requested changes.

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The committee voted to unanimously to recommend the preference of the liaison CAV-O-07 and CAV-R-06A.

Respectfully,

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Thomas Uram, Chairperson
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