

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220



October 7, 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 public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee was held by teleconference on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. The CCAC reviewed the candidate designs for the obverse and reverse for the Congressional Gold Medal honoring, as a group, the hundreds of women who worked as computers, mathematicians, and engineers at NACA and NASA between the 1930s and 1970s, featured in the book “Hidden Figures” and the subsequent film of the same name.

The CCAC reviewed a large portfolio of design candidates and heard from stakeholders from NASA including Dr. Brian Odom, Acting Chief Historian; Burt Ulrich, multimedia liaison; and Mamta Patel Nagaraja and Emily Furfaro, who work at NASA headquarters and are associated with the group Women at NASA on their preferred preferences. Designs rated as favorable by some or all of the liaisons were **HF-O-01** and **HF-O-10**; and **HF-R-04**, **HF-R-12**, and **HF-R-13**.

After a spirited discussion by the CCAC that lingered in part on whether the “Hidden Figures” women should be depicted in silhouette or in full light, the Committee ranked its preferences as:

- **Obverse HF-O-07**, showing a group of silhouetted women looking on as the historic Apollo 11 mission successfully put the first men on the moon. The figures are symbolic of the “hidden” nature of the many women, including many women of color, who served as computers, mathematicians, and engineers with NASA and NACA.
- **Reverse HF-R-07**, featuring the constellation Andromeda—also known as “the Chained Woman”—symbolic of the obstacles and difficulties overcome by the women whose contributions to space and aeronautics are finally being recognized and celebrated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Uram', is written over the 'Sincerely yours,' text.

Thomas Uram
Chairman
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee