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 of the Congressional Gold Medal for Mrs. Dorothy J. Vaughan.

The Committee welcomed two of Mrs. Dorothy J. Vaughan’s children, Mr. Leonard Vaughan and Mrs. Ann Hammond, who served as liaisons to the Mint. Committee members expressed their honor in reviewing the designs for Mrs. Vaughan’s Congressional Gold Medal, recognizing her role in the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) during the Space Race.

For the obverse, Mrs. Vaughan’s family preferred Obverse 11A, a portrait of Mrs. Vaughan with an upward gaze, surrounded by a piano-key border symbolizing her lifelong love of music and playing the piano. For the reverse, her family preferred Reverse 6A, showing her in a teaching pose, instructing two younger female computers. This design represents Mrs. Vaughan’s inspiration of others in NASA’s scientific progress.

The Committee unanimously recommended the family’s preferences of obverse DV-O-11A and reverse DV-R-06A.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Uram
Chairman
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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