



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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November 13, 2023

The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury 1500
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with 31 U.S. Code § 5135, the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) is charged with advising the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the events, persons, or places to be commemorated by the issuance of commemorative coins in each of the five calendar years succeeding the year in which a commemorative coin designation is made.

During the October 25, 2023, public meeting, the Committee discussed and voted to recommend the following unanimously.

Commemorative Coin Program Recommendations:

Route 66 Established 1926- to recognize the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Route 66 and the contribution of this highway to the cultural fabric of the United States

FIFA World Cup- to recognize the first time, hosted by three nations—the United States, Mexico, and Canada—and, in a break from tradition, it will feature a massive forty-eight teams.

Roberto Clemente – to foster an enduring connection between sports and philanthropy, honoring his legacy as a beacon of excellence on and off the field and excite youth across the United States.

WWII Pacific Front Philippines/Philippine-American Scouts/80th Anniversary of Philippine Independence – to recognize the goodwill and friendship with US and the Philippines

Loretta Lynn – to recognize an American country music singer, songwriter, actress and author. In a career spanning six decades, releasing multiple gold albums. Supported by a petition with close to 23,000 names.

Grace Hopper – to recognize an American computer scientist, Mathematician and United States Navy rear admiral, to appreciate her contribution to computer science and, to recognize her place in American history.

Working Canines – to recognize strong public interest and their important roles in search and rescue operations, military defense, and aid those with disabilities. This was previously recommended.

2028 Olympics – to continue this symbol of national pride as well as raise funds for the support of the athletes participating in the competitions. This was also previously recommended.

Wildlife–Endangered Animals - to recognize conservation/wildlife impacted seriously by climate change and other environmental factors. Previously recommended due to high interest among adults and youth.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg – to recognize her twenty-seven-year tenure on the Supreme Court and her major contributions. While seventeen men, including Chief Justice John Marshall, have been honored on modern commemorative coins, only two women have been honored since 1982.

Musical Pioneers - to recognize the strength and their inspiring stories of African American opera singers in three different vocal categories:

- Soprano: Jessye Mae Norman
- Contralto: Marian Anderson, and
- Bass-Baritone: William Warfield.

Submariners - to preserve the memory of these remarkable men and women, operating in isolation and silence often for months, confronting cramped quarters, technical challenges, and the ever-present threat of danger with sacrifices. Their achievements can serve as a source of inspiration for years to come.

Juneteenth - to recognize the June 19, 1865, anniversary of the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation. This would substantiate further the significance of this event.

Bass Reeves - a tribute to the first African American, born into slavery, appointed US Marshal Service, and whose legacy encapsulates the values of justice, determination, and diversity that the nation upholds, sending a powerful message about the importance of equality and the tireless pursuit of justice.

Gold Coin Recommendations

Incuse Indian Head – While congressional legislation is not required, this represents the CCAC’s support to encourage the United States Mint to celebrate the hundredth anniversary in 2029 of the gold coin. This theme and design stood the test of time and is recognized for the forward thinking it represented in 1908.

Medal Recommendations

Draft Designs of Liberty – to reintroduce the designs of Liberty from circulating and pattern coins in the form of a silver medal program to provide access to these beautiful designs that are unique to the heritage of both the mint and our nation.

S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts, Math) - Proposed previously and once again, recognizing our era where technology, art, and science are increasingly intertwined, honoring STEAM on medals is not just a nod to their present importance, but an investment in the ongoing advancement of society, where creativity and critical thinking intersect with progress and innovation.

Other Recommendations

Mint Set with Full Copper Cent or W Mintmark – to increase interest in Lincoln cents and Mint sets, add a copper Lincoln cent (instead of copper plated zinc) cent on a regular basis each year and consider a reverse of the cent to commemorate various events as part of the 2026 America Semiquincentennial celebration.

\$5 and/or \$10 Higher Value Circulating Coins – to authorize the minting of \$5 and \$10 coins available for spending to renew the relevancy and role of coinage in American society as a cost-effective medium of exchange.

The CCAC is again thankful for the opportunity to contribute to the recommendations for themes of coin and medal programs to continue the legacy of the United States in producing stellar and historical works of art in the form of commemorative and circulating coins and medals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Brown, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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