

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220



July 25, 2013

The Honorable Jack Lew
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Lew:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed obverse and reverse designs for the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing Victims Congressional Gold Medal.

For the medal's obverse design, the Committee recommended design Obverse-01A with modifications. The design garnered 29 of the 30 possible points through the Committee's scoring process. Obverse-01A, as modified and recommended by the Committee, bears the names of the four bombing victims spaced evenly around the entirety of the outer perimeter. Additionally, the inscription, "PIVOTAL IN THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY", and the date, "SEPTEMBER 15, 1963", are shown horizontally centered across the lower portion of the design over the outlines of the four girls.

For the reverse of the medal the Committee recommended a modified version of Reverse-06A by collectively assigning 28 of the 30 possible points available through the Committee's scoring process. Reverse-06A, as modified, shows the 16th Street Baptist Church as originally depicted on the design, however, all inscriptions have been changed. The words, "ACT OF CONGRESS 2013", are centered on the upper perimeter of the design and the inscription, "IN MEMORY OF THE FOUR GIRLS KILLED IN THE BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH" is shown horizontally and stacked on the left side of the medal. Finally, the inscription, "BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA" is centered on the lower perimeter of the design.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary B. Marks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "M".

Gary B. Marks
Chair