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On Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 8:27 AM DHR Virginia Contact Form
<no-reply@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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> Name: Katherine Pohlig

> Email Address: pohligfamily@gmail.com

> Division / Person: General Questions

> Comments / Questions: I want to weigh in on the issue of the Lee statue on Monument Ave in Richmond. Since it is such a divisive piece of art at this time, I think it should be moved somewhere where it would be safe from the awful graffiti that has disgraced it and probably would continue if the pedestal were cleaned and it left where it is. I hate to see it looking like it does now. I grew up near Richmond and always loved riding down Monument Ave and seeing the beautiful statues especially this one. Please move the statue and clean the pedestal.

> Thanks,

> Kathy Pohlig

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Name: David Newman

Email Address: dcnawn@centurylink.net

Division / Person: General Questions

Comments / Questions: HOW COULD YOU ALL TEAR DOWN ALL THOSE STATUTE OF PEOPLE THAT FOUGHT FOR US AND PUT ALL THE BLACK STUFF LIKE ROADS TOWNS VA HAS GONE TO THE DOGS

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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On Sun, Oct 18, 2020 at 9:19 AM DHR Virginia Contact Form
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> Name: Peter Caracciolo

> Email Address: pjc5460@gmail.com

> Division / Person: General Questions

> Comments / Questions: Would you people stop with the statue replacements for crying out loud?

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From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: For the U.S. Capitol Commission: Nomination of a Virginia Founding Father
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From: **Langan, Julie** <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 7:10 AM
Subject: Fwd: For the U.S. Capitol Commission: Nomination of a Virginia Founding Father
To: rr US Capitol Commission <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

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From: **Suzanne Munson** <suzmunson01@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020, 10:32 PM
Subject: For the U.S. Capitol Commission: Nomination of a Virginia Founding Father
To: Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>

TO: Members of the U.S. Capitol Commission

Congratulations on being chosen as a member of this important commission. For the statue, I would like to nominate an exceptional Virginia Founding Father who honored and defended the rights of African Americans, Native Americans, and ordinary white citizens, at the risk of his own reputation and career. He meets all important criteria as a person of great consequence to the people of Virginia and America.

GEORGE WYTHE (1726-1806):

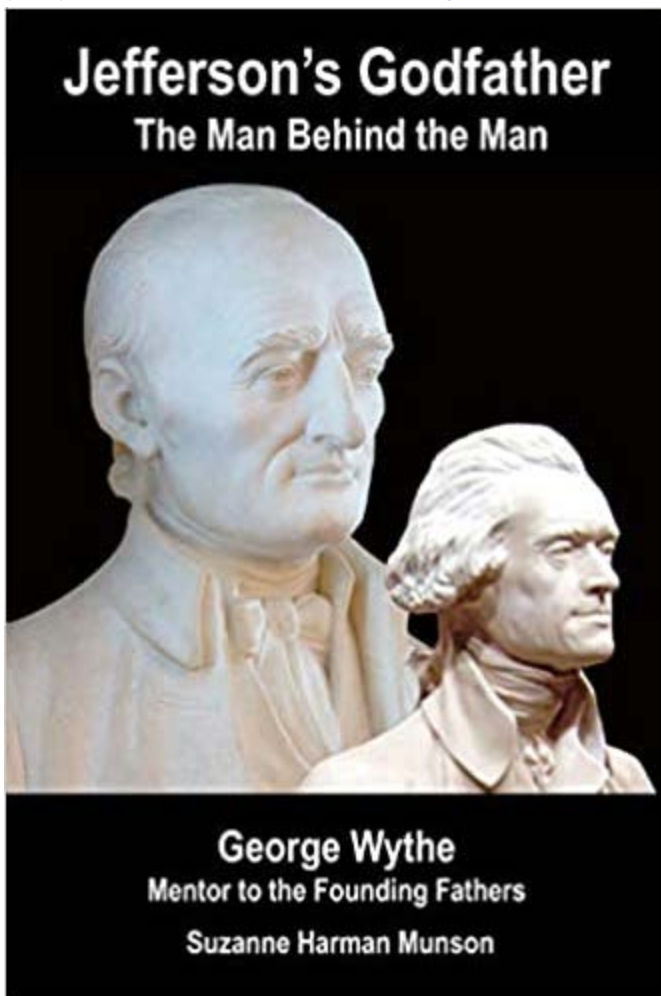
- . America's most influential teacher--judged by student achievement in high public office
- . Mentor to Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, Henry Clay, and the nation's first generation of leaders
- . America's first law professor
- . Role model for ethical servant leadership
- . Abolitionist—first judge to rule slavery illegal, based on Virginia's bill of rights:
Hudgins v. Wright (1806), a case that also involved protecting the rights of Native Americans
- . Freed his own slaves, paid them wages, and provided for them in his will
- . Taught African American youth in his own home, during a time when education was denied them
- . Signer and "Godfather" of the Declaration of Independence
- . Champion (and possibly savior) of the Constitution
- . Co-originator, with Jefferson, of America's first religious freedom law
- . Groundbreaking judge—set precedents for judicial review and separation of powers two decades before his student, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall, ruled in *Marbury v. Madison*

- . Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates
- . Clerk of the Virginia House of Burgesses
- . Workhorse member of the Second Continental Congress in support of the Revolution
- . Prophet of the American Revolution

All of these contributions to Virginia and America are outlined in the George Wythe biography, *Jefferson's Godfather: The Man Behind the Man*. I devoted four years to researching the life of this great individual. If you'd like to learn more, the book is available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble online. The bust on the cover of the book overlooks the old House of Delegates chamber in the state capitol building, honoring Wythe's service as Speaker of the House.

Attached is an article that appeared in the Richmond Times-Dispatch about Wythe's role in modeling the principle of ethical servant leadership for America's first generation of statesmen, "Revisiting a Political Ideal in a Time of Disillusionment." Sometimes called the "Forgotten Founding Father," Wythe and his important legacy need to be revisited and honored in the 21st century. He is an ideal representative for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Best regards,
Suzanne Munson
(804) 282-6646 and suzmunson01@gmail.com



From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
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Subject: Gen.Robert E.Lee
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Lee statute need not be replaced. He has represented Virginia quite well in the past and needless to try to change history.
Have a good day!

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
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From: Hugh Agnew <agnew@gwu.edu>
Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 10:01 PM
Subject: George C. Marshall to replace R. E. Lee in the US Capitol for Virginia!!
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear friends,

Please accept this ENTHUSIASTIC endorsement of the nomination of George C. Marshall to replace Robert E. Lee as representative of Virginia in the US Capitol building.

Thank you,

Hugh Agnew
(30 year Virginia resident)

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Hugh LeCaine Agnew
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Subject: Historical figures
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I suggest that the commission in all it's wisdom, preserve the History
as it is now and ignore the cancel culture that demands the change.
Thank you

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
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From: Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>
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From: Bo Hammond <rmh1776@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 11:59 AM
Subject: Info for Teachers
To: Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>

Morning Julie,

Hope all is well and you had a good weekend. I have a few teacher friends that were interested in the student essay competition but we can't seem to find details. Do you know if it is still happening? I know Marshall is an unlikely choice but had to try my best. Thanks again for your help.

Best,
Bo

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Bo Hammond
Host of the Podcast:
Bromances of History
www.bromancesofhistory.com

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Lee statue replacement at U.S. Capitol
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From: Holt Livesay <hlivesay2@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 12:22 PM
Subject: Lee statue replacement at U.S. Capitol
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Gentlemen or ladies:

I strongly recommend a statue of General Lewis B. ("Chesty") Puller to replace that of Gen. Robert E. Lee. General Puller was one of the bravest Marines ever, leading "from the front" into battles (during his early career) in Haiti and Venezuela, and later in the South Pacific Islands during WWII. Then he led troops against the North Koreans and Chinese Communists in North Korea, including at the Chosin Reservoir (the "Frozen Chosin"). He earned a chest full of combat decorations and a well deserved reputation of leading his troops from the front, not from a rear command post. He also earned the greatest respect from his men and the entire Marine Corps. Even to this present time, Marines at the end of the day, at "lights out," are heard to exclaim, "Good Night, Chesty Puller, wherever you are." General Puller was a native of Saluda, Virginia and spent his retirement there. He spent some time attending V.M.I. but wasn't much of a student, so he joined the Marine Corps. He always lobbied for better conditions for veterans and the enlisted Marines. He is buried in the cemetery at Christ Church, just east of Saluda.

Holt M. Livesay, Sr.
109 Gray Fox Lane
Franklin, Virginia 23851

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

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From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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From: Jeffrey DeBell <jeffd542@gmail.com>
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Subject: Lee statue replacement nomination:
To: <Uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Barbara Johns of Virginia.

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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Subject: Fwd: Lee Statue Replacement
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From: hovater <hovater@jlab.org>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 9:20 AM
Subject: Lee Statue Replacement
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Statue Panel,

George Washington. He led the colonies first united army. He defeated the British at Yorktown, which effectively secured our young nation. He then went on to be the first president of the United States. He is a son of Virginia. A case can be made he is the most famous historical individual from Virginia and our country.

James C. Hovater, 105 Drewry Ln, Seaford, VA 23696

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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From: W. Terry Hardgrave <wterry4@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 10:36 AM
Subject: Lee Statue
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Commission--

The removal of Confederate statues (including the Lee statues) is based on a modern total misunderstanding of American history, largely caused by our decades of failure to teach history.

Attached is an unpublished article that makes a compelling argument based on Lincoln's 1861 Inaugural that the Civil War was NOT fought to abolish slavery. And if the North was not fighting to abolish slavery, then the South was not fighting to preserve slavery. Slavery was certainly an issue, but abolition was not the primary issue. The multiple causes, not discussed here, were much more complex.

My recommendation is that the Lee statues be left in place and a more thorough investigation of the true causes of the US Civil War be undertaken followed by more public discussion.

Eventually the State of Virginia will regret taking quick emotional actions that are based on current events plus election anxiety and are not based on sound historical thinking.

Thanks, Terry

W. Terry Hardgrave
Cross Junction, VA 22625
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Background: Dr. Hardgrave holds a Ph.D. in computer science from The University of Texas at Austin. He is a retired Information Technology (IT) professional and amateur historian. He is the author of *Civil Coercion; The Constitutional Violations of the Lincoln Administration (1861-1865)*

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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Subject: Nomination for a statue in the Statuary Hall, US Capitol
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I would like to nominate Walter Reed, M.D. A vast number of Americans owe their lives to Dr. Reed pioneering work on the transmission of Yellow Fever. A brief biography follows:

Walter Reed, (born September 13, 1851, Belroi, Virginia, U.S.—died November 22, 1902, Washington, D.C.), U.S. Army pathologist and bacteriologist who led the experiments that proved that yellow fever is transmitted by the bite of a mosquito. The Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C., was named in his honour.

Dr. Reed's Wikipedia article has many additional details of his life.

See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Reed

Sincerely,
John W. Cross, Ph.D.

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John W. Cross
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From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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From: Mary Stevens <marystevens827@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 7:45 PM
Subject: Nomination for the US Statuary Hall....Walter L. Reed
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

The Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) was the U.S. Army's medical center from 1909 to 2011. It is located on 113 acres in the District of Columbia where it served more than 150,000 active and retired personnel from all branches of the military. The center was named after Major Walter L. Reed (September 13, 1851 born in Belroi, Virginia–November 22, 1902), an Army physician who directed a team that confirmed that yellow fever is transmitted by mosquitoes rather than direct contact.

In 1866, his family moved to Charlottesville, where Walter intended to study at the University of Virginia. After a period at the university, he transferred to the medical faculty. In 1869, he completed his medical course in 9 months graduating at the age of 17 as a doctor of medicine. To obtain further clinical experience, he enrolled as a medical student at Bellevue Medical College, New York, and a year later he achieved another medical degree there.

In 1889, he took courses in pathology and bacteriology at John Hopkins Hospital in Bethesda, MD. In 1899, his assignment led him to the study of yellow fever. This began his findings in epidemiology. Many thought that the spread of yellow fever was through contact with the person or their possessions. In 1879, a Cuban doctor, Carlos Finlay, ascribed mosquitoes as transmission of the disease. In early 1900, Reed confirmed that infections spread through infected mosquitoes.

The research work with the disease under Reed's leadership was largely responsible for stemming the mortality rates from yellow fever during the building of the Panama Canal, something that had bothered the French 20 years earlier.

Since its origins, the WRAMC medical care facility grew from a bed capacity of 80 patients to approximately 5,500 rooms covering more than 28 acres of floor space. WRAMC combined with the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland, in 2011 to form the tri-service Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). The grounds and historic buildings of the old campus are being redeveloped as the Parks at Walter Reed.

Thanks for allowing me to nominate Dr Walter L. Reed for the statutory Hall at the US Capitol. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Mary Touchton Stevens

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
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From: marie henry <funnydame@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 2:57 PM
Subject: Nomination for US Capitol statue replacement
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>
Cc: Marie & Jack <funnydame@yahoo.com>

Thank you for the opportunity to add my name to the nomination of Barbara Johns for Robert E. Lee's replacement in the US Capitol.

For all of the following reasons: Barbara Johns

1. Superlatively meets all of the panel's criteria for selection
2. Would be one of the few (of how many?) women representing over half the US population.
3. Would be one of the few (of how many?) minority members representing large portions of the US population
4. Was responsible for spearheading Virginia into nationwide prominence, furthering rights of equal education for all in Virginia and US
5. Helped to uncover practical impediments to the implementation of legal remedies, specifically in Virginia (massive resistance)
6. Is one of the few (if any?) young people to be a role model for political participation and activism, regardless of age or inability to vote. This sends a strong message for Virginia to proudly display in the US Capitol
7. Is not just another war/soldier role model, reinforcing the message that there are many ways to serve and make immense contributions to Virginia and to America
8. Reinforces the message that it is not only the powerful that can change our state and country for the good
9. Highlights the point that social and political leadership and change are ongoing and relevant, not just some "founding" bygone process
10. Legitimizes and empowers the process of peaceful political protest and assembly as a force for Inspiring better constitutionally protected conditions for all Virginians and Americans

For these reasons, recognizing that Barbara Johns' contributions were uniquely "Virginian" in intention and action, as well as national and societal in result, I nominate Barbara Johns for placement in the US Capitol.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Henry
Roanoke, VA.

Sent from my iPad

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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From: Steve Eliot <sweliot7@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 1:51 PM
Subject: Nomination for US Capitol Statue
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

US Capitol Commission,

I would like to nominate James Madison, primary author of the US Constitution. He's the author of the document the people in the US Capitol are suppose to uphold. He should have been in Statuary Hall from Day 1. This nomination process should not be a popularity contest but have some meaning to it.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. Eliot
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From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Nomination of George C. Marshall for Recognition in Statuary Hall
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Date: Thu, Oct 22, 2020 at 5:57 AM
Subject: Nomination of George C. Marshall for Recognition in Statuary Hall
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

To Virginia Governor Ralph Northam and the U.S. Capitol Commission:

I am writing to recommend that George C. Marshall be honored with a statue in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol.

As Army Chief of Staff during World War II, General Marshall orchestrated the nation's war effort, earning praise from Winston Churchill as the "organizer of victory." After the war, Marshall was responsible for launching the "Marshall Plan," though he never wished his name to be applied to that effort which saved Europe from communism and America from having to fight against the Soviet Union. Marshall would serve again as Secretary of Defense during the Korean War and as President of the American Red Cross.

Such achievements – and there are many more in service to his country – would be enough in themselves as justification to honor Marshall, yet there is another reason. We are a nation today in desperate need of role models of character, people who in their personal and professional lives stand as exemplars for Americans of what it means to have honor, humility and to dedicate one's life to the greater good. George Marshall never sought the limelight – indeed he refused all honors during the war as he believed those serving in harm's way were more deserving. He never engaged in partisan politics, even refusing to register with any political party as he thought it might compromise his objectivity in giving advice. He refused a large monetary offer to write his memoirs, believing that history should judge him on its own. He insisted on a simple funeral, though he had managed major public funerals for others. He is buried not with great fanfare but on a hillside in Arlington National Cemetery among average soldiers who served under him. Marshall cared for his troops, insisting that their needs be met "first, last and always."

I have been a resident of Virginia for nearly half a century. I have written about and taught leaders about George C. Marshall. Sadly, I have found, few Americans know of him. They do not know, for example, that he could have led Overlord, the D-Day invasion of Europe, since President Roosevelt said that command was his for the asking. Marshall refused to ask, insisting the president make the choice. FDR chose Eisenhower as, he said to Marshall, "I felt I could not sleep well if you were out of the country."

Those we honor in Statuary Hall should be models of achievement, dedication to American ideals, and exemplars of the character traits

we hope all Americans would display. George C. Marshall is such a man.

Sincerely,

Terry Newell
Crozet, Virginia

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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From: Lance Warren <lancewarren1@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 11:02 AM
Subject: Nomination: Ona Judge
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Hello,

I write to recommend that the U.S. Capitol Commission replace the statue of Robert E. Lee with one of Ona Judge, the woman enslaved by George and Martha Washington who seized her freedom in 1796, and then, eluded the First Family's consistent efforts to recapture her until the end of President Washington's life.

Installing a likeness of Judge alongside that of Washington in the U.S. Capitol would tell a story — the essential story of Virginia: a colony in which representative government first took root was also a place in which enslavement of people of African descent made possible Virginia's wealth and prominence, initially among the colonies and later in the new nation.

Visitors to the Capitol would see Virginia directly confront the tension at the heart of the Commonwealth's history: here, they would see, is the father of the nation, the celebrated general who led the Revolutionary forces in seeking freedom from Great Britain — and here is one of the many people he enslaved, a woman who sought freedom from the man who would bring liberty to white Americans.

Too often, statues flatten history, boiling down complexity into a mass of stone and bronze. Instead, at this juncture, the U.S. Capitol Commission could seek to put Virginia's statues in conversation with one another — and, in turn, encourage all who see them to engage in that same conversation, a conversation Virginians and Americans must have, if we are to own our history and collectively build a better future.

With respect for your work ahead,

Lance Warren
Richmond, Virginia

P.S. Background information on Judge may be found here, among other sources:

Book: Erica Dunbar's, *Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge* (2017 finalist for the National Book Award in nonfiction, winner of the 2018 Frederick Douglass Book Award.

National Park Service: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/independence-oneyjudge.htm>

Mount Vernon: <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/ona-judge>

White House Historical Association:
<https://www.whitehousehistory.org/the-remarkable-story-of-ona-judge>

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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From: Donald <delaslies@comcast.net>
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Subject: Nominations: Replacing Lee statue at US Capitol
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Statue Committee.

Per today's Richmond Times Dispatch article on the subject, I offer my public input into a replacement for the Lee statue.

It is said that heroes are not born, they are cornered.

While there are many fine Virginians, who, in their own moments, have earned our praise and honor, General Robert Edward Lee continues to set the standard for leadership, devotion, and historical relevance in our Commonwealth.

He served both the Union and the Confederacy with commitment, virtue, heroism, and finally, reconciliation.

In his moment, he became a national hero. I nominate his statue to remain at our US Capitol. I ask that his story continue to be told. It will be everyone's loss should his monument be replaced.

Donald Laslie
Powhatan, VA

Sent from my iPad

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
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Subject: Nominee to replace the statue of Robert E. Lee
To: uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Members of the Virginia Commission,

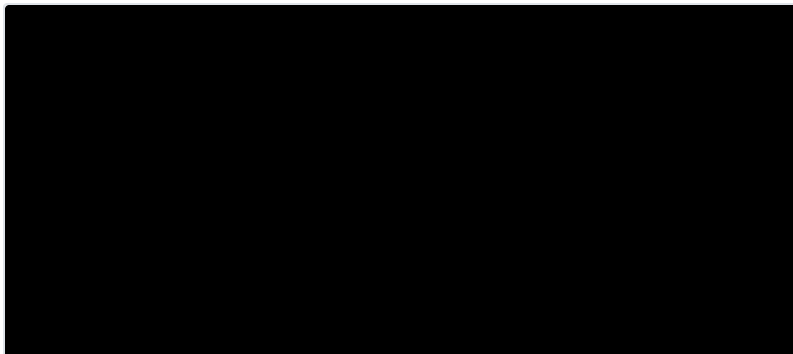
I would like to nominate John Mercer Langston (1829-1897) as the individual to be honored with a bronze statue, to replace the statue of Robert E. Lee. Mr. Langston's best known achievement is that he served as Virginia's first African American member of Congress (1890-91). But he was also the first president of Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute (Virginia State University), recruited African American troops for the Civil War, served as inspector of schools with the Freedman's Bureau in Virginia, and served as dean of Howard University's law school and then as its president from 1873-1875. The Encyclopedia of Virginia (<https://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/>) enlarges upon these facts. He led an active life, broke barriers, faced stiff opposition, but continued to lead. Judging from the picture of him included in the Encyclopedia of Virginia, I think John Mercer Langston has the look, height, and demeanor which would make for an outstanding sculpture.

Thank you for your consideration of John Mercer Langston.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Bechtel
511 Fairview Avenue
Blacksburg VA
540-250-1471

[Lawrence Reid Bechtel Author and Sculptor](#)



Lawrence Reid Bechtel Author and Sculptor

Website of Author and Sculptor Lawrence Reid Bechtel

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Proposal for New Honoree to Replace R. E. Lee Statue
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:48:45 AM

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From: Afton Fults <afults060@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 2:51 PM
Subject: Proposal for New Honoree to Replace R. E. Lee Statue
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

To whom it may concern,

My name is Afton Fults and I am a junior this year at Maggie L Walker Governor's School. As a student at this school, I have spent extensive time researching the significance of Maggie L Walker herself and her achievements. I believe that Maggie L Walker would be an excellent candidate to honor in place of Robert E Lee, as throughout her life she showed acts of bravery, honor, and courage. Among her achievements, Walker was the first African American woman to charter a bank in the United States and until 2009, the bank served as the oldest African-American run bank in America.

To find more information on Maggie L Walker:

<https://www.nps.gov/mawa/learn/historyculture/maggie-lena-walker.htm>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MaggieWalkerNPS/videos>

Thank you!
Afton Fults

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Proposed person to represent Virginia in the U. S. Capitol
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:48:36 AM

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From: Bucky Neal <bneal103@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 2:25 PM
Subject: Proposed person to represent Virginia in the U. S. Capitol
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I propose OLIVER W. HILL, SR.

Thank you,
William H. Neal III
804 - 212 - 9323

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:46:59 AM

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From: Geoff <geoffvarney@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 9:04 PM
Subject: Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd should be the next statue at the U.S. Capitol to replace General Lee.

Born in Winchester, Virginia. Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd was a recipient of the Medal of Honor He was also a pioneering American aviator, polar explorer, and organizer of polar logistics. He exemplifies the types of qualities we should honor. He holds the qualities of the early settlers to the New World through his spirit of exploration, and he symbolizes the bravery and patriotism through his military service reminiscent of our forefathers who fought for our freedoms.

Thanks you,

Donald Varney
P.O. Box 128
Crum, WV 25669
(304) 634-5649

Sent from my iPhone

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Replacement for Lee Statue
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:49:25 AM

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From: JULIA FALLON <juliafal@comcast.net>
Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 8:26 AM
Subject: Replacement for Lee Statue
To: uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Mary McLeod Bethune
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_McLeod_Bethune
This amazing hero should be strongly considered.

Sincerely,
Julia M. Fallon
Blacksburg, VA
540 557 7209

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Replacement for Robert E. Lee Statue
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:50:37 AM

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From: Greg Thielmann <agthielmann@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 5:45 PM
Subject: Replacement for Robert E. Lee Statue
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

To Whom it May Concern:

I would very much like to see a statue of Robert C. Marshall representing Virginia in the U.S. Capitol..

Sincerely,
Greg Thielmann
2220 S. Dinwiddie St.
Arlington, VA 22206

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Replacement of Lee Statue in Capitol.
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:47:35 AM

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From: william van allen <wkvan@msn.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 8:20 AM
Subject: Replacement of Lee Statue in Capitol.
To: uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Commission,

I am writing to support the selection of George Marshall to replace the Lee Statue. Marshall is a very under appreciated American patriot. He was a very modest man with a great sense of duty to his country. As you are aware, he was FDR's right hand man leading the effort in WWII. He was offered the leadership of D-Day, but accepted FDR's request that he stay in Washington. Had he led D-Day, he no doubt would have become President. Few leaders have to such an extent put the country's needs in front of their own. It is very similar to Lee's sense of duty to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Unfortunately, Lee fought to tear our nation apart, while Marshall fought to save our world and rebuild our destroyed former enemy, Germany.

There are a lot of noteworthy Virginians, but George Marshall stands out uniquely.

Kent Van Allen
Lynchburg, Virginia

Sent from my iPad

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Replacement of Lee statue in US Capitol
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:44:22 AM

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From: RITA BAGBY <rmbagby@aol.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 11:08 AM
Subject: Replacement of Lee statue in US Capitol
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I would like to nominate George C. Marshall as the person to be placed in the US Capitol. His Marshall family ancestors were Virginians and he spent a lot of his life in Virginia when not traveling with military and was the state was his last home. Some believe that he was the greatest military mind of WW2 and then served his country afterward in government and showed his empathy toward the enemy in helping them to become a leader in Europe again.

Rita Bagby
9204 Lyndonway Drive
Henrico, VA 23229
804-9300. rmbagby@aol.com

Sent from my iPad

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: replacement of Lee's statue
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:48:12 AM

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From: mary ellen donaghy <medonaghy@outlook.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 12:13 PM
Subject: replacement of Lee's statue
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I recommend that George Marshall be chosen to replace Lee.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Replacement Statue
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:43:47 AM

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From: Erik Laub <elaub@nelsoncounty.org>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 9:55 AM
Subject: re: Replacement Statue
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I propose George Washington.

Erik Laub

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Robert E. Lee Statue Replacement
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:46:35 AM

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From: Jennifer Matthews <light.spoken@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 4:41 PM
Subject: Robert E. Lee Statue Replacement
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I wanted to nominate Elizabeth Van Lew as a possibility for replacing Robert E. Lee. She was credited by Grant as the woman who brought down the confederacy, and the first to raise the American flag when Richmond finally surrendered. She was also one of the first female postmaster generals. She was a contemporary of Lee, and yet she made very different choices. She spent her inheritance freeing enslaved people and their families, and educating the people she freed. She even helped orchestrate an escape from Libby prison! She did all this to lift up Richmond, and yet she was treated as an enemy by her neighbors for the rest of her life. Her burial had to be paid for by a northerner and for the most part she has been neglected in Civil War history. There are a lot of other people who are extremely worthy of this honor, but I think having one of Richmond's neglected daughters, replace the confederacy's favorite son would have a certain poetic justice. It would be really nice to have a woman on Monument Ave.

Best,

Jennifer Matthews

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Robert E. Lee Statue
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:42:18 AM

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From: Fred Wingfield <fishyfred02@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 18, 2020 at 11:11 PM
Subject: Robert E. Lee Statue
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

The statue of Robert E. Lee should stay where it is. Quit trying to erase history!

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Statuary Hall
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:41:51 AM

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From: Brian Turner <NuclearMedMan@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 18, 2020 at 8:53 PM
Subject: Statuary Hall
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

In the replacing of General Robert E. Lee this is a paramount choice in the selection process and replacement. As a historian and preservationist, I would nominate Walter Reed. A native of Belroi, Virginia. Namesake, no other institution in the world has attended, cared for, and rehabilitated our most cherished military servicemen and women as well as Presidents at Walter Reed Hospital. Major Walter Reed would well represent all Virginians and those who benefit(ed) from his dedication to health in National Statuary Hall.

Please consider the attributes of Major Walter Reed, M.D. U.S. Army, he confirmed the theory of Cuban Dr. Carlos Finlay that the transmission of yellow fever was a certain species of mosquito.

Kind regards,

Brian K. Turner

Veterans Advocate

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Statue Nomination
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From: <mericson88@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 12:48 PM
Subject: Statue Nomination
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Good Afternoon,

I used to live in Virginia. I suggest Ella Fitzgerald born in Newport News, Va. The current collection has no African American women at the moment and there are currently no musicians in the collection either.

Matthew Ericson

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Statue
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:47:44 AM

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From: Dwala A Baucom <tbaucom@cox.net>
Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 9:20 AM
Subject: Statue
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Please leave the Lee statue!! Clean it up and continue on with life. (I would assume you did not take the Pro golfers down Monument Avenue)!! DO NOT replace with another person-you cannot please everyone, therefore leave "as is" !!!! I am sorry for the death of George Floyd (especially how it happened) but he is no hero or a model for our children!!! Don't do something that will cause more unrest! Thanks,

Sent from my iPhone

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: statues
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:43:16 AM

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From: <mulchinman63@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 9:07 AM
Subject: statues
To: uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

as a lifelong Virginian,i would like to express my concerns over the
capitol statue replacementfirst of all the father of the Constitution
of the greatest country in the world who alsofinanced the start of the
country would be my choice.second of all the pc police cannot displace
the first president of this great landwho also was from Va
Trace W.Webb5210 rock hill drRoanoke,Va 24014

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Suggested nomination of George Wythe to replace R.E. Lee statue
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:49:03 AM

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From: J Weaver <jweaver28@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 7:08 PM
Subject: Suggested nomination of George Wythe to replace R.E. Lee statue
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I suggest Wythe replace Lee because of his stature as Virginia's first signatory of the Declaration of Independence, as well as his service as colonial legislator, law professor and chancellor. Plus, he was murdered for his efforts on behalf of slaves (and freed his). Note: I was one of the editors on his wikipedia article.

Jane.

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Suggestion for new historical figure to represent Virginia in the U.S. Capitol
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:41:19 AM

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From: Martin, David <dmartin@cov.com>
Date: Thu, Oct 22, 2020 at 10:53 AM
Subject: Suggestion for new historical figure to represent Virginia in
the U.S. Capitol
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Booker T. Washington

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Suggestion
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From: Hilda Hankins <hildahankins@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 12:03 PM
Subject: Suggestion
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Suggestion for statue in Virginia Capitol: Neutral Statue of Freedom,
same as US capitol. Hilda Hankins HildaHankins@gamil.com

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: suggestions for new statue for Virginia in US Capitol
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:42:04 AM

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From: Dr Gordon <sugordon@vt.edu>
Date: Sun, Oct 18, 2020 at 9:42 PM
Subject: suggestions for new statue for Virginia in US Capitol
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I would like to submit the names of two separate singers: Kate Smith and Pearl Bailey. I think it would be nice to see either of these female singers represent our state.

Kate Smith (1907-1986) was born in Greenville, Virginia and maintained a home in Arlington, Virginia. She was a very important singer back in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s most associated with the song "God Bless America." She was known as "the first lady of radio" and was very popular during the WWII years. In fact, she helped raise over \$600,000,000 in war bonds through her series of marathon broadcasts. She also, as a child during the First World War, sang for the troops at army camps located near DC. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1982, a few years before her death.

Pearl Bailey (1918-1990) was born and raised in Newport News, Virginia and attended Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, Virginia. She was a great entertainer who excelled in many venues, including stage, screen, and TV, from night club singer to Broadway musical star. She won a Tony Award for her acting performance as the title character in the all-black production of Hello Dolly on Broadway in 1967. She was appointed America's "Ambassador of Love" by President Nixon in 1970 and attended several meetings of the United Nations, and she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1988 from President Reagan.

Thank you for allowing me to make these submissions.

Sincerely,
Susan M. Gordon

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Suggestions for Virginia statue in the Capitol
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From: Ann Aoki <aokiann@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 2:01 PM
Subject: Suggestions for Virginia statue in the Capitol
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I would like to nominate five historically significant Virginians as candidates to replace the statue Robert E Lee in the U.S. Capitol:

MILDRED LOVING — (1939-2008)

Mildred Loving and her husband Richard were criminally charged under a Virginia statute banning interracial marriage. They were plaintiffs in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case *Loving v. Virginia*. In 1967 the Supreme Court ruled in their favor and ordered Virginia's Racial Integrity Act and all state anti-miscegenation laws as unconstitutional violations of the Fourteenth Amendment. The case remains relevant today and frequently cited in the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage. Mildred Loving is historically significant to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States as someone who achieved milestone progress toward fully implemented civil and human rights.

SALLY HEMINGS (1773-1835)

Sally Hemings was an enslaved woman owned by President Thomas Jefferson. She was half-sister to his wife Martha Jefferson. Hemings bore six of Jefferson's children. Legally free while living in France with Jefferson she successfully negotiated with him her return to Virginia and slavery on condition that her children with Jefferson be granted their freedom. Hemings remains an enduring symbol of the duality of Jefferson's legacy and the Black experience in Virginia.

NAT TURNER — SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

(born October 2, 1800, Southampton county, Virginia, U.S.—died November 11, 1831, Jerusalem, Virginia), was an enslaved Black American who led the only effective, sustained slave rebellion (August 1831) in U.S. history. His actions set off a new wave of oppressive legislation prohibiting the education, movement, and assembly of slaves and stiffened proslavery, antiabolitionist convictions that persisted in that region until the Civil War. Turner is an enduring significant reminder of the realities of slavery and the inevitable bloody conflict it engendered in the progress toward freedom and equality in Virginia.

HENRIETTA LACKS — (1920-1951) Roanoke;

Lacks was the progenitor of the HeLa cell line, one of the most notable cell research discoveries ever made. Her cells lead to many important breakthroughs in biomedical research, including the polio vaccine. Today, the HeLa cell line has been recognized as a globally significant contribution to medicine and research. Lacks is historically important not only for her contributions to science, but for how her story has brought attention to the racial inequities that are embedded in the US research and health-care systems. Lack's cells were taken without her knowledge or consent, and without acknowledgement of her by the science and medical community.

AMONUTE (also known as MATOAKA or POCAHANTAS) (born in Werowocomoco, present-day Gloucester County, Virginia, circa 1596; died 1617)

Amonute was an indigenous woman who became a bridge between the Native American population and the English settlers in Virginia. She began as a translator, and went on to become an ambassador and leader in her own right in the face of European power. Her story has been relentlessly refashioned to suit the polemical, poetic, or marketing needs of its interpreters. However, her reality makes her a significant figure in the history of Virginia.

Ann Aoki

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call or text 703 981 7397

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Barbara Rose Johns - Transformative Civic Activism by Student Civil Rights Leader
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:50:06 AM
Attachments: [Barbara Rose Johns - statement in support for her statue.pdf](#)

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From: ALICE LYNCH <malynch1963@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 1:48 PM
Subject: Support for Barbara Rose Johns - Transformative Civic Activism by Student Civil Rights Leader
To: Uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov <Uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

To: Members of the Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol

From: Alice Lynch, former Executive Director of the Virginia Capitol Foundation

Date: October 21, 2020

Re: Barbara Rose Johns – Transformative Civic Activism by Student Civil Rights Leader

A statue of student civil rights activist Barbara Rose Johns should represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in the US Capitol National Hall Statuary Collection. Her likeness would make a powerful statement to the millions who visit the Capitol each year – American visitors, international tourists, and especially school children. When she led a walkout at her high school to protest the deplorable conditions of her school, she inspired her fellow students and adults with her activism, resulting in transformative change to our educational system.

Barbara Johns represents civic engagement in its purest form; she was a citizen asserting her rights of free speech, assembly, and ultimately petition when the case of the Moton School students was heard as a part of the Landmark US Supreme Court case *Brown v Board of Education*. The rights she exercised were guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, which was made the law of the land with a vote to ratify by the Virginia General Assembly, meeting in the Virginia Capitol. Her statue would complement Virginia's other official statue, George Washington; while he represents the pinnacle of power in government and in the military, Barbara Johns represents the patriotic citizen, who without position or rank, has an equally important voice in our representative democracy.

Barbara Johns meets four of the five criteria as outlined in the Draft Commission Values and Attributes:

1. Association with significant events that changed the course of history - The walkout, organized by Barbara Johns, resulted in the court case, *Davis v. Prince Edward County*, that was folded into to the US Supreme Court case *Brown v Board of Education* (of Topeka, Kansas). Of the five cases combined into *Brown*, the Moton School case was the only one brought by students (more than 100). This is a story worthy

of national and international attention.

2. Exemplification of valor, patriotism, bravery - While Barbara Johns, at 16 years of age, did not fight during wartime, she was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement which could be described as an enduring war for justice and equal rights on American soil. She exhibited immense courage to lead fellow students out of the classroom in protest; indeed, her family had to send her out of state because of credible threats from White supremacist groups.

3. The subject's primary historical significance should be tied to Virginia directly or they should have spent the majority of their life in the state - Barbara Johns spent her formative years in Virginia, until she was forced to leave. The US Supreme Court styled the case as they did because the Chief Justice wanted to make a statement to the nation that these unconstitutional schools were not just a southern issue, but a national one. Virginia's significance in this landmark case should be elevated.

4. The person should not be in conflict with current prevailing values - Barbara Johns represents the continuing struggle for equity for our Black citizens. Students of today who visit the Capitol will see themselves in the image of this young woman, giving them hope and inspiration that they too may facilitate transformative change in society.

Barbara Johns is a subject worthy of the honor of representing the Commonwealth of Virginia, as are other persons recommended to the Commission. However, Barbara Johns brings more than her laudable actions at the Moton School, not only as a citizen without position or power but as a young, Black woman who changed the course of history for millions of students who came after her. Barbara John's image will bring desperately needed age, racial, and gender diversity to the National Statuary Hall Collection:

Age Diversity – There are no statues of a teenager in the collection. Helen Keller is the youngest representation at age seven and the next youngest appears to be Sarah Winnemucca who is depicted in her mid-30s. Barbara Johns made her mark on history at age 16.

Racial Diversity – There are no statues of a Black person in the official National Statuary Hall Collection according to the website of the Architect of the Capitol. In 2013, the Rosa Parks statue and the Frederick Douglass statue were added but the website states clearly that neither is in the National Statuary Hall Collection. Two states, Arkansas and Florida, have each approved a Black woman to represent their state and the statues are in some stage of development, presumably.

Gender Diversity – While the Collection does include women, only nine of the 100 statues are of women. Seven of these are of White women and two are of Native American women.

The US Capitol National Statuary Hall Collection is replete with statues of men, of White Americans, of older figures, elected persons,

and military officers. A number of Virginians are also on display in the Capitol both as a part of the National Statuary Hall Collection, representing other states, and in the general collection including John E. Kenna, Francis Harrison Pierpont, Thomas Jefferson (one bronze statue and one bas-relief), George Mason, Pocahontas (two paintings), George Washington (one bronze statue, one bas-relief with multiple images of him, and one painting), Stephen Austin, John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, John Sevier, Henry Clay, Ephraim McDowell, and Sam Houston. Other than the two paintings featuring Pocahontas, all of these objects honor White men.

It is time for Virginia to dramatically change the narrative in the US Capitol. As the representative of our Commonwealth, Barbara Rose Johns would bring credit to the Commonwealth along with recognition that Virginians of all ages were, and can be, leaders in the Civil Rights Movement. There is little doubt given the strength of her story and the much-needed diversity that she would contribute to the collection, that the statue of Barbara Johns would be positioned in a prominent place, likely in the Capitol Visitor Center, where millions would see her and learn the story of this remarkable Virginian.

Thank you for the expansive and thoughtful work you are each contributing to this important decision.

Alice Lynch Cell: (804) 938-2352

Two steps forward, one step back. Two steps forward . . .

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
To: [Andrew Poole](#)
Subject: Fwd: Supporting the nomination of Pocahontas for a statue in the US Capitol
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:50:27 AM

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From: **Rick Tatnall** <rick@pocahontasproject.org>
Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 4:32 PM
Subject: Supporting the nomination of Pocahontas for a statue in the US Capitol
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Members of the US Capitol Commission,

As the Executive Director of ***The Pocahontas Project***, a new non-profit organization headquartered in Gloucester, I am writing to support the nomination of Pocahontas for a statue in the US Capitol.

The Pocahontas Project believes the Commonwealth of Virginia should replace the statue of Robert E. Lee in the US Capitol with a statue of the woman born Matoaka, died Rebecca, and most famously known as **Pocahontas**. We suggest Pocahontas be considered ***America's Founding Mother*** because her actions singlehandedly facilitated and enabled the chain of events that led to the development of the Colonies and ultimately the United States of America. Pocahontas' conversion to Christianity and her marriage to John Rolfe brought an important time of peace between the Powhatans and the English, and her trip to England, possibly the most impactful diplomatic effort in history, steeled the English resolve to continue to support the Virginia Company and start other efforts directed at America.

We also believe Pocahontas is worthy of a statue in the US Capitol representing the Powhatan Indian Tribes, as the Colonies ultimately embraced the Powhatans' model of representative government and the concept of freedom to rule. The Powhatans, and especially Pocahontas, played a critically important early role in the development of our Nation by teaching John Rolfe how to grow tobacco and draft the seeds he took from the islands with the wild Virginia tobacco, giving the English settlers the cash crop they desperately needed to survive.

Finally, we believe Pocahontas is worthy of a statue in the US Capitol because without her hopeful and purposeful action, no one who is currently recognized in the US Capitol would have achieved their place in history. Pocahontas' short 21 years on earth forever changed the construct of the world order, and the Nation as we know it in 2020 is a direct result of her actions and impact on others until her death in 1617. Therefore, as the cradle of the Nation, we believe it is entirely appropriate for the two statues from the Commonwealth of Virginia in the US Capitol to represent the most significant of America's Founding Fathers, George Washington, and America's Founding Mother, Pocahontas.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the merits of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Rick Tatnall

The Pocahontas Project

<https://www.pocahontasproject.org/>

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 4:22 PM
Subject: U.S. Capital Statue from Virginia
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

As you consider who should replace Robert E. Lee in the U.S. Capital, I would highly recommend George Marshall. Although not a Virginian by birth, Virginia was his home for many years and more importantly his home for his major accomplishments. These include, but not limited to:

--Nobel Peace Prize for the re-construction of the world after World War II. It was the first time in the history of man where the victorious side in a war help rebuild the the former enemy as well as its allies.

--Architect of the United States and its allies in defeating the enemy and saving the world from a horrible genocide.

--Served as Secretary of State after WWII and as Secretary of Defense

--Even today, most Western Europeans has a great reverence for him for what he did as Americans should have.

--George Marshall was name by many publications as the "Man of the 20th Century"

There very few, if any, who accomplished more in modern American history.

Please place his statue in the U.S. Capital!

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From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 12:28 PM
Subject: Re: U.S. Capitol Lee Statue Replacement
To: uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Subject: U.S. Capitol Lee Statue Replacement

I propose that a statue of General George C. Marshall represent Virginia in Statuary Hall. Gen. Marshall was the most outstanding American of the 20th century. He was the architect of the Allied victory in World War II. He held the positions of both Secretary of Defense, and Secretary of State. As Secretary of State he was the author of the Marshall plan which led to the economic recovery of a free Western Europe. He was also winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and was the only career soldier ever to do so.

Van Jolissaint
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From: Dale <dalemiller@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 2:45 PM
Subject: US capitol statue replacement
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

To whom it may concern, I would like to nominate a statue of Justice John Marshall as the replacement for the Lee statue in Statuary Hall. A brilliant justice who was instrumental in establishing the role of the Supreme Court in our early history would be a stellar replacement and representative for Virginia. Thank you for your consideration.
Dale Miller

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From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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From: Matt Waldron <mwaldron28@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 9:24 AM
Subject: Virginia Representative to Statuary Hall
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Commission Members;

I applaud the removal of Robert E Lee from the US Capitol's Statuary Hall. It is time for all US citizens and especially Virginians to move away from what his leadership represented.

I am advocating for Booker T Washington--in all respects he represents the attributes essential to progress.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Matt Waldron
Lexington, Virginia

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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My name is Michael Williams
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I nominate George C. Marshall.
General Marshall dedicated his life to service of this country in the military. He was a man of great character and leadership abilities. He was retired when Pres. Truman called him back to work on the Marshall Plan. He put service to his country first.

From: jennifer.pullen@dhr.virginia.gov on behalf of [US Capitol Commission, rr](#)
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From: Donald Clary <dlclary67@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 10:31 PM
Subject: Virtual Public Hearing on Nov 17
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

I respectfully request an opportunity to speak at the public hearing on the recommendation to remove and replace the statue of General Robert E. Lee in the US Capitol. I have resided in the Commonwealth of Virginia for 75 years, graduated from Virginia Tech and received my commission in 1968, served in the US Army and the Virginia Army National Guard for a total of 32 years, retiring from active duty, as a Colonel on September 30, 2000. I also served as a public school teacher, while serving as a traditional guardsman, from 1970-1979 in Newport News Public Schools.

Please contact me if you need additional information at my e-mail dlclary67@yahoo.com or by phone at 540-553-5551. I am hopeful you will approve my request and allow me to speak on these issues at the public hearing on November 17, 2020.

Respectively,

Donald L. Clary

COL (R) US Army

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