

Email to Capitol Commission Posted Week of Nov. 9

From: Richard Reynolds <rsr31770@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 6, 2020 at 11:07 PM
Subject: Oliver W. Hill
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Oliver Oliver W. Hill was a true Virginia Pioneer and a Giant of this State's 20th Century history. And I want to nominate him as the individual whose statue should replace that of Robert E. Lee in the National Statuary Hall of the U S Capitol. Oliver Hill fulfills all the qualifications to be a candidate listed by the commission and the U.S.Congress.

He was born and raised in Virginia a time when Black Virginians faced almost insurmountable obstacles in almost every phase of their lives. In spite of that , Oliver Hill was able to finish college and get a law degree from Howard University. He returned to Virginia and began the practice of law.

It was as an attorney that Oliver Hill helped change the course of History, both in Virginia and the United States. He was one of two attorneys that brought the Davis vs. County School Board of Prince Edward County case against segregation in public education that became part of the Historic Brown vs Board of Education Decision.

In addition, he handled hundreds of Civil Rights cases that changed the social structure of Virginia that existed when he was born to the more open, equitable, and diverse society we have today.

To. do all this required enormous courage, determination, and persistence. It also demonstrated his belief in and commitment to the founding Ideals of our nation as expressed by Thomas Jefferson.

Furthermore, as a human being, Oliver was kind, decent, and thoughtful of others. He was a man of Honor and Integrity and that was why he was named Virginian of the Century by The Richmond Times-Dispatch.

I can think of no other Virginian who is more representative in his person of the best qualities we want to highlight in the Virginia of today.

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From: JoeR. <joerougeau@earthlink.net>
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Subject: General George Catlett Marshall
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Commission Members:

It is with deep humility that I recommend that a statue of General George Catlett Marshall, a very great American and a proud Virginian, replace that of Robert E. Lee in the National Statuary Hall in the US Capitol. Called the "greatest American of the 20th Century" by President Truman and many other distinguished citizens, General Marshall eminently deserves this honor. Among others, Winston Churchill credited Marshall as being WWII's "Architect of Victory".

General Marshall's achievements were monumental. As Chief of Staff of the US Army, he developed a standing army of less than 250,000 men to one of almost ten million soldiers and airmen that was instrumental in bringing the Allied powers from the brink of disaster to ultimate victory. When he earlier served as the Assistant Commandant of the US Army Infantry School and as an instructor in the Army War College and other assignments, he identified and trained future American leaders such as Omar Bradley and Dwight Eisenhower. In the process, he initiated cultural and physical change in the US Armed forces and built history's finest fighting force. Marshall moreover devised the global strategy for this force's deployments, including Operation Overlord, the 1944 D-Day.

As the post WWII Secretary of State, he raised the stature and image of the United States to levels never before achieved. He again proved that he was a person of courage and unclouded vision by proposing the European Recovery Program, later known as the Marshall Plan. The Marshall Plan provided funds and leadership to rebuild much of the war-torn world and was the major force in promoting stability and resisting Communist aggression in Europe. Today, the Marshall Plan is identified as history's most altruistic plan for peace.

During the Korean War, Marshall was called upon to serve as Secretary of Defense. Again, General Marshall left an enduring legacy. He brought order, discipline, and unity to the newly formed Department of Defense and firmly established the principle of civilian control over the military. He also significantly supported and strengthened the

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as a force for peace. Though in office only 12 months, he is today generally regarded as our nation's finest Secretary of Defense.

In 1953, George Catlett Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first and only military figure to receive this honor. This tribute to a very great and selfless man should be reinforced by placing his statue in in the National Statuary Hall. Marshall's ideals and values as well as his example of leadership and self-sacrifice should never be forgotten. He served the United States of America and the world very well!

Sincerely,

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From: Peter Givens <givenspc@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Nov 8, 2020 at 12:10 PM
Subject: NOMINATION FOR U.S. CAPITOL STATUE
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

7 November 2020

Please consider my nomination for Booker T. Washington as the replacement statue for Robert E. Lee in the United States Capitol.

I have an M.A. in American History and spent thirty-eight years as a ranger with the U.S. National Park Service, protecting and interpreting natural and historic areas cared for by that agency. One of my assignments was a temporary position as Acting Superintendent at Booker T. Washington National Monument in Franklin County, VA. During that assignment, I learned to appreciate the contributions this great Virginian made to the education of African Americans who, like Washington himself, were learning to navigate the difficulties of post-slavery life. For twelve years I also worked as an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke, VA and used Washington's autobiography "Up From Slavery" as a reading assignment in my U.S. History classes.

Booker T Washington was born on a small tobacco farm in Franklin County, VA in 1856. He, several siblings, and his mother were among the ten or so slaves of the James Burroughs family. The worst part of slavery for this young boy was the suppressing of his insatiable desire to learn. Occasionally accompanying one of the Burroughs

children to a nearby school left an impression on him that, in many ways, would guide his future life of education. "This picture," he recalled, "of several dozen boys and girls in a schoolroom made a deep impression upon me. I had the feeling that to get into a schoolhouse and studying in this way would be about the same as getting into paradise."

After his freedom, he lived in Malden, WV with his mother, stepfather (who had escaped slavery) and his brothers and sisters. Securing books and balancing work in the salt and coal mines with special attention given by a local tutor, Booker learned to read. He discovered the existence of a "school for Negroes," Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, and, following his dream of a formal education, he made the four-hundred-mile journey, stopping along the way to pick up jobs and small amounts of money to continue to Hampton.

Working his way through Hampton, and graduating with honors, he returned to Malden to teach, then expanded his education through seminary training, and finally returned to Hampton to serve on the faculty. Receiving an invitation to start a similar school in Tuskegee, AL, Washington began work on his most notable legacy, establishing and building Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute by the age of 25. Tuskegee opened with 30 students selected primarily for their potential as educators.

Although other African American leaders in the country fought for and demanded a more immediate equal participation into society, Washington stayed true to his philosophy that trained labor would lead eventually to economic prosperity, and economic prosperity to full citizenship and full, equal participation in the American dream. As author Samuel Spencer, Jr. notes, "He did what was possible given the time and place in which he lived, and he did it to the utmost."

Upon his death in 1915, President Theodore Roosevelt said of Washington "It is not hyperbole to say he was a great American... he was one of the most useful, as well as one of the most distinguished, of American citizens of any race."

From slavery on a Virginia tobacco farm, he rose to a place of fame, admiration, and vast influence. To generations of Americans, Washington's life demonstrates the "great truth that our origin need not determine our destiny... his was a life of dedication and humanitarian service rarely surpassed" (National Park Service handbook, "Booker T Washington, An Appreciation of the Man and His Times, Macintosh)

Thanks for this opportunity to participate in an important task.

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From: Sonya Craft <sonyalcraft@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 10, 2020 at 1:30 PM
Subject: Letter of Support for Oliver W. Hill Sr.
To: <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

This letter is written to nominate Oliver W. Hill Sr. to replace Robert E. Lee as a representative of Virginia in the Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol.

I am submitting a copy of the Hill Foundation biography that contains the highlights of Mr. Hill's achievements. I also have included a link to a web page further amplifying his qualifications. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver_Hill)

I believe Oliver W. Hill is an excellent candidate for consideration.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Marsh III

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Retired Virginia State Senator

Attachments area [See letter posted as separate attachment]

From: Daniel Bauer <dybauer@cox.net>
Date: Tue, Nov 10, 2020 at 7:17 PM
Subject: Nomination to replace Robert E. Lee statue in US Capitol statuary
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Commissioners ,

Thank you so much for taking up this issue. It has been long overdue that Robert E. Lee be replaced as one of Virginia's representatives in the US Capitol statuary.

I would like to nominate Mr. Oliver Hill to be honored. As you know, Mr. Hill's career as a civil rights attorney was illustrious and changed the course of history. Mr. Hill began his legal career in Roanoke, won his first civil rights case in Norfolk, and represented the students in Farmville in Davis v. Prince Edward County. His

career directly touched Virginians in all parts of the state and of course, changed the course of history.

Virginians would do well to live up to the values represented by Mr. Hill.

Sincerely,

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From: Daniel Bauer <dvbauer@cox.net>
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Subject: Katherine Johnson for the US Capitol statuary
To: USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to nominate Katherine Johnson to represent Virginia in the US Capitol.

Mrs. Johnson exemplifies bravery and hard work. She showed the world to not underestimate African-Americans and women. Her pioneering work in space science and computing certainly changed the world.

She represents all the best of Virginia and Virginia would be honored to have her as our representative.

Sincerely,

Deborah Bauer
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From: Jack Mansfield <jmansfie01@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 11, 2020 at 2:12 PM
Subject: Replacement of Virginia statue in capitol
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Gentleman

I strongly recommend Gen George C Marshall of VMI and Leesburg as a perfect candidate!

Hon. John E. Mansfield
Ashburn

From: Jeffrey Fiske <drifiske@cox.net>
Date: Wed, Nov 11, 2020 at 2:41 PM
Subject: US Capitol Statue Honoree Nomination
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

To the Committee:

I nominate Katherine Johnson to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Capitol Building in the District of Columbus.

The guidelines call for the nominee to be either illustrious for historic renown or for distinguished civic service. She qualifies resoundingly for both.

The guidelines require ONE of the following:

associated with significant events that changed the course of history or associated with significant ideals, writings or concepts or renowned for exemplary valor, patriotism, and bravery.

Katherine Johnson is associated with humanity leaving the planet for the first time and ushering a new age of exploration. This has certainly changed the course of history.

Katherine Johnson is associated with the ideals of exploration and the betterment of humanity through both exploration and the struggle for equality and fairness.

Katherine Johnson is renowned for her valor and bravery in standing for equality and the recognition of others in the face of danger and potential loss to herself. She showed her patriotism by advancing the Nation to a degree rarely seen by an individual, and against staggering obstacles both social (a segregated, racist and sexist society) and physical (answering critical questions to the vast complexities of the physics and engineering dynamics of spaceflight).

Respectfully submitted,

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From: Charles Small <csmall23229@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Replacement for Lee Statue
To: <USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

James "Jack" Turner Stephens, Jr. is my recommendation to replace the statue of Robert E. Lee.

Below is a YouTube video I created recently. There are a couple corrections as he was talking about witnessing the planes from the Lease Lend Roosevelt gave to Stalin. Also 007 has to do with dialing Russia as that is the international dialing number for Russia.

At this very moment in time, I only have his word.

He is native to Richmond and had a hard childhood. He went from working for British Intelligence to being tortured in a Japanese prison. I believe his actions may have single handedly done more for our ww2 efforts than any other single person.

He went on to work under Kennedy and worked the Cuban Missile Crisis and subsequently steered a plan toward global peace with the Moscow-DC hotline. He worked again during the Kennedy assassination. While he said it was speculation he worked to stop a coup from Lemay.

He worked under the UN to pass signal system six, the effective birth of the internet.

His story goes on. I have ample family photo albums, clues from historical records and his testimony to support these claims.

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https://youtu.be/UTe_Gu_kblk

From: **Macel H. Janoschka** <mjanoschka@faplawfirm.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 11, 2020 at 2:55 PM
Subject: Monument Suggestion Application
To: uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov <uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov>

Good afternoon!
Attached is my son's suggestion for the replacement monument.

Thanks,
Macel

[See Janoschka letter posted separately as a PDF]