

**Emails Posted Nov. 19**

From: Elaine Bankston <[elanesart@msn.com](mailto:elanesart@msn.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 3:06 PM  
Subject: Nomination  
To: [USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov) <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>  
Cc: J. Maurice Hopkins <[hoppinn@erols.com](mailto:hoppinn@erols.com)>

I would like to nominate Oliver W Hill Sr for the statue in the Capitol Building. He was a Civil Rights Giant and was one of the attorneys in Brown vs the Board of Education case. More details of his work can be found in his autobiography entitled "The Big Bang" He was awarded the "Medal of Freedom" by President Clinton. So that Oliver Hill's legacy will live on and his life's work will not be forgotten and for all, he has done for mankind and generation to come I would like to nominate Mr. Hill to be honored in this way. Elaine Bankston

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From: Bernadette Lopez <[lopibern58@yahoo.com](mailto:lopibern58@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 3:33 PM  
Subject: Replacement of Lee's Statue  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

To Whom It Concerns,  
Although I disagree with removal of the historic statue of Lee, I would like to see a statue of Pocahontas as a replacement.

Thank you,  
Bernadette Lopez  
Front Royal, VA

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From: Meshach Keye <[mkeye001@gmail.com](mailto:mkeye001@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 8:28 PM  
Subject: Maggie L. Walker (Confederate Statue Replacement)  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Hi,  
  
My vote is for Maggie L. Walker. Thanks!

-Meshach Keye

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From: TJ McCurdy <[thomas.mccurdy89@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.mccurdy89@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 8:42 PM  
Subject: Replace Robert E Lee Statue  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Good evening,

You should replace Lee's statue with a different prominent Virginian

who has made significant cultural contributions to not only this country, but the whole world. Dave Grohl grew up in Springfield Virginia and is arguably one of the most influential musicians in the last 30 years. Not only is he renowned for his musical abilities, he is a great all around guy, someone you will not need to worry about having protracted political debates over.

Thanks for taking down Lee's statue.

Thomas McCurdy  
Fairfax Virginia  
22032

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From: Mary Hunter Ayer <[maryhunterayer@icloud.com](mailto:maryhunterayer@icloud.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 8:54 PM  
Subject: Statue  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Pocahontas would be an excellent choice

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From: cox <[judi.fleischman@cox.net](mailto:judi.fleischman@cox.net)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 9:51 PM  
Subject: Lee Replacement  
To: [USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov) <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

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You cannot remove Lee without removing Jefferson, Washington, and others who owned slaves and even abused them. If you remove all three, you can replace it with northern Generals who fought to free slaves. Tubman is another suggestion.

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From: Ted (chaotic) <[ted@chaotic.com](mailto:ted@chaotic.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 6:28 AM  
Subject: Replacements for the statue of the traitor Lee  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Booker T. Washington  
L. Douglas Wilder

George Mason (for his championing a Bill of Rights)

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Ted Frison  
[chaotic.com](http://chaotic.com)

Life's most urgent question is:  
"What are you doing for others?"  
Dr Martin Luther King

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From: Henry Foresman <[keydet@mac.com](mailto:keydet@mac.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 8:43 AM  
Subject: Who Should Stand in the Capital  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

To whom it may concern:

While I am a great admirer of General of the Army George C. Marshall, and like him a graduate of VMI, I think placing his statue in the Rotunda of the United States Capital would be inappropriate. He was a Pennsylvanian by birth, served in the United States Army, and resided in Virginia only a short portion of his life. His accomplishments were many and their impact felt not only in the United States but throughout the world.

On the other hand Oliver Hill fought the good fight to end segregation in Virginia but also in the United States. He fought to insure that every citizen enjoyed the right and privileges of citizenship guaranteed in our Constitution. I think it would be right and proper to have Oliver Hill represent Virginia in Statuary Hall, he like Washington fought so the nation and all of its citizens would truly be free and enjoy the rights of citizens.

I remain, with kindest regards,

Henry J. Foresman, Jr.  
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: John Mable <[jmable1@verizon.net](mailto:jmable1@verizon.net)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 9:22 AM  
Subject: Replacing Lee in U. S. Capital's Statuary Hall  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for soliciting our suggestions/recommendations/comments. Accordingly, I hereby suggest Booker T. Washington be posted in this most sacred Hall as a fitting representative of Virginia.

His life embodies a wide spectrum of our Commonwealth's history and legacy. From born into slavery to great social achievement. His life exhibited a character aspire by all. To rise from within great repression to garnering the respect of his repressors in lofty places and to do so with the highest level of constructive manner. His life's endeavors and work have resonated down through the decades and generations. Let them echo in that great Hall going forward. One of Virginia's finest. Let him stand next to Marshall. Or any one of the other fine representatives to be.

Respectfully Submitted,

John J. Mable

13118 Penhurst Road  
Midlothian, VA 23113

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Booker\\_T.\\_Washington](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Booker_T._Washington)

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From: John Rogers <[johnrogers86@gmail.com](mailto:johnrogers86@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 10:03 AM  
Subject: Replacing Lee statue  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I'm a Richmond, VA resident, and I'd like to vote for Pocahontas to replace the Lee statue at the Capitol. Thank you!

John

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----- Forwarded message -----  
From: Tarter, Brent <[brent.tarter@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:brent.tarter@lva.virginia.gov)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 10:09 AM  
Subject: Barbara Johns  
To: rr US Capitol Commission <[uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

As a student of Virginia history for half a century, I second the recommendations made yesterday to select Barbara Johns to be the subject of the second Virginia statue in the United States Capitol.

Her pioneering role in the Prince Edward County student strike was of the first order of importance, both in forcing the Civil Rights movement in Virginia into a new path of making a direct attack on mandatory racial segregation and also symbolically. As a young person, a woman, and an African American, she can stand for all those other not-white, not-male Virginians whose contributions to representative democracy deserve recognition.

Brent Tarter

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From: Pip <[piplani@centurylink.net](mailto:piplani@centurylink.net)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 11:04 AM  
Subject: Lee statue removal from US Capitol  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

This suggestion will possibly not be entertained seriously.  
I say that the Lee statue NOT BE REMOVED.

Lalit Piplani  
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Front Royal, VA 22630

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From: Juno <[ldbqfs@juno.com](mailto:ldbqfs@juno.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 11:27 AM  
Subject: George Marshall  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

We would like to vote for George Marshall.

Thanks!  
L&G Franklin

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From: Greg Marra <[gwmarrastudios@gmail.com](mailto:gwmarrastudios@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 12:20 PM  
Subject: Re: Greg Marra pub meeting tech failure  
To: Williams, Stephanie <[stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I am sending you endorsement letters that I received demanding that I be the sculptor for the Johnny Cash statue also being placed in statuary hall. shouldli send these to the us capitol commission. I pray you read these endorsements word for word because it will offer an axiomatic panacea for the difficult decision you face. Letting me do my job is like having a sculpture memorial police force. We take the heat and minimize resistance with genius ideas. Desmond Doss is hands down the best choice. his actions are probably the bravest in the history of mankind. Not all confederate statues are replaced by civil rights figures ei Johnny Cash. I lived in Germany and Austria, and those countries are extremely bitter about the Marshall act, and it so happens they are the strongest economies in europe. Desmond Doss parallels the suggestion of today's public meeting and out performs them all. I pray I get to sculpt him.

please enjoy the read, and pass it around.

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----- Forwarded message -----  
From: Jeremiah Brooks <[jeremiahbrooks169@gmail.com](mailto:jeremiahbrooks169@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 12:46 PM  
Subject: Mr. John Mercer Langston  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Good afternoon,

I nominate Mr. John Mercer Langston to replace Robert E. Lee in U.S. Capital.

Peace and Blessings

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From: thea verdak <[suttonhoo1@gmail.com](mailto:suttonhoo1@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 3:00 PM  
Subject: Submission for replacement of Rober E Lee Statue at the US Capitol  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I would like an African American female recognized. She left a global legacy.

Submission: Henrietta Lacks, raised in Roanoke, Virginia, African American, 1920 - 1951.

In death, her cells were the first immortalized cell line (HeLa) used in medical research worldwide. She was never informed, but changed biomedical research:

"The ability to rapidly reproduce HeLa cells in a laboratory setting has led to many important breakthroughs in biomedical research. For example, by 1954, Jonas Salk was using HeLa cells in his research to develop the polio vaccine.[19] To test his new vaccine, the cells were mass-produced in the first-ever cell production factory.[28] Additionally, Chester M. Southam, a leading virologist, injected HeLa cells into cancer patients, prison inmates, and healthy individuals in order to observe whether cancer could be transmitted as well as to examine if one could become immune to cancer by developing an acquired immune response.[29]

HeLa cells were in high demand and put into mass production. They were mailed to scientists around the globe for "research into cancer, AIDS, the effects of radiation and toxic substances, gene mapping, and countless other scientific pursuits".[19] HeLa cells were the first human cells successfully cloned in 1955,[30] and have since been used to test human sensitivity to tape, glue, cosmetics, and many other products.[2] Since the 1950s, scientists have grown as much as 50 million metric tons of her cells,[31] and there are almost 11,000 patents involving HeLa cells.[2]"

Source: Wikipedia

Please add Henrietta Lacks for your review,

Thank you, Thea Verdak, Virginia resident, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

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From: ramonadhinkle <[ramonadhinkle@yahoo.com](mailto:ramonadhinkle@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 7:49 PM  
Subject: A FOUNTAIN SHOULD REPLACE THE STATUE  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

A fountain she replace the statue.. and images of all persons mentioned and/or persons from the "Say their name" campaign..

Ramona D. Hinkle,  
MBA, CEO, CSS, IA, IC, PA determination, commitment, talent, empathy,  
heart, guts,toughness courage, sacrifice.....

Bethany Hamilton  
Carpe Diem  
El tiempo es ahora  
Siempre Fidelis

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From: Julian Reeves <[jreevesecon@gmail.com](mailto:jreevesecon@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 10:57 PM  
Subject: Statue replacement  
To: [USCapitolCommission@DHR.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@DHR.virginia.gov) <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I suggest Francis Marion.

F.C. Beattie

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From: JH Taylor <[htaylor87@hotmail.com](mailto:htaylor87@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, Nov 19, 2020 at 10:10 AM  
Subject: Virginia Statue on Capitol  
To: [USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov) <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Robert E Lee is the only choice for this memorial. If not for Gen Lee we would still be killing yankees in Virginia. Sir winston Churchhil has stated that Robert E lee was the most noble American and I agree.

JH Taylor  
610 N Brunswick Ave  
South Hill, VA

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