

**Second Batch of Emails Posted Nov. 17, After the Meeting Concluded**

From: Susan R <[suerohrbach@comcast.net](mailto:suerohrbach@comcast.net)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 8:30 AM  
Subject: Re: Nomination for replacement statue  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Good morning! I became aware that the email that I sent, below, somehow lost its formatting on its way to your website. Would you kindly post on the same site the attached pdf file of that same letter so that the committee members can benefit from its underlines, indents, and hyperlinks?

Thank you!  
Susan Rohrbach

[See separate Rohrbach letter posted to website]

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From: Jennifer Coates <[jencoates41@gmail.com](mailto:jencoates41@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Nov 16, 2020 at 9:20 PM  
Subject: Suggestions for statue to replace Robert E . Lee  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Hello,

My suggestion for a deserving person to have a statue in the Capitol is Mary Bowser. Bowser was a freed slave who agreed to work as a slave in Jefferson Davis' home in order to spy and pass information to the Union army. She is a true hero and deserves to be an important part of our history.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Coates  
Casanova, Va

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From: Nancy B. Premen <[npremen@earthlink.net](mailto:npremen@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, Nov 16, 2020 at 9:56 PM  
Subject: Recommendation for replacement statue of Robert E. Lee  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

If the statue of Robert E. Lee must be removed, then the only person I think that is worthy of standing next to George Washington, is Thomas

Jefferson....the 3rd President of the United States, the author of the Declaration of Independence, and the founder of the University of Virginia. No one else comes close.

Nancy B. Premen

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From: Elaine Bankston <[elanesart@msn.com](mailto:elanesart@msn.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 5:45 AM  
Subject: Statue  
To: [USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov) <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I would like to recommend a statue of Oliver W. Hill Sr For the Capitol Building. Elaine Bankston

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From: Yahoo! <[dlclary67@yahoo.com](mailto:dlclary67@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 1:16 PM  
Subject: Removal and Replacement of Robert E Lee statue in US Capitol  
To: [uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov) <[uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Please include the attached document for review by the commission when considering the disposition of the statue of General Robert E Lee at the US Capitol.

Respectfully,

Donald L Clary  
COL(R) , US ARMY

[See Clary attachment posted separately.]

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From: Dennis Parmerter <[parmdeb@gmail.com](mailto:parmdeb@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 7:04 AM  
Subject: Lee Statue  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I am in favor of leaving Robert E. Lee in the Capital. Statues of dead people can't get hurt anyone. It was a different period of time in our Country and I doubt racism ever crossed there mind. Stop changing our History.  
Dennis Parmerter

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From: John DePodesta <[jdepodesta@gmail.com](mailto:jdepodesta@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 7:05 AM  
Subject: Replacement for the Robert E. Lee Memorial  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

James Madison, a Founding Father and former President who sought to create and to preserve liberties for all Americans.

Regards,

John DePodesta

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From: DENNIS PAGE <[dkpage\\_8124@comcast.net](mailto:dkpage_8124@comcast.net)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 7:07 AM  
Subject: statue replacement  
To: [USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov) <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Dear Commissioners,

Please replace the statue of Lee with that which we hold most dear to our hearts, with that for which Virginia government exists—the Preamble to the Constitution. Every person that has ever lived or ever will live is flawed. There are no few heroes; only heroic acts by many. In fact I challenge you to name some person who has not acted heroically on behalf of some other one of us at some time in his or her life. The Preamble to the Constitution is the penultimate ideal underpinning every heroic act and for which we as a nation stand. The words describing the ideals upon which we stand should be placed on a pedestal, forever memorialized, not people.

Thank you very much for your consideration and your work on behalf of all of us.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Page

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From: Mark McKay <[markrandolphmckay@gmail.com](mailto:markrandolphmckay@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 7:30 AM  
Subject: Commission for Historical Statues in U.S. Capitol Solicits Nominations for New Honoree to Replace R. E. Lee Statue  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

As a Virginian with a lineage going back to the 1600's,.

I would like to nominate a statue of Patrick Henry for a replacement of Robert E Lee.  
Patrick Henry.

Patrick Henry, former Governor of Virginia, was an American attorney, planter, politician, and orator best known for his declaration to the Second Virginia Convention: "Give me liberty, or give me death!"  
A Founding Father.  
Patrick Henry served as the first and sixth post-colonial Governor of Virginia, from 1776 to 1779 and from 1784 to 1786.

Best Regards,  
Mark R McKay  
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From: belschese <[beleschese@prodiqy.net](mailto:beleschese@prodiqy.net)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 7:58 AM  
Subject: Nomination for Statue at the US Capitol  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Greetings,

My name is Elvatrice Belsches and I am recommending that Barbara John's be selected to be memorialized.

Her impact was national in scope.

Sincerely,  
Elvatrice Belsches

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From: Mary Margaret Morandi <[ptrtmrymrnd@gmail.com](mailto:ptrtmrymrnd@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 8:15 AM  
Subject: Recommends  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

How about a statute that symbolizes the Constitution and its ideals? Not people but concepts, but then people have to understand the Constitution and what a republic is and what it means to those in the United States.

Cannot rewrite history but need to be aware of the good and the bad,

learn from it. We formed as a nation through trials and tribulations and those forged our country and built foundations.

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From: John Farrell <[johnwfarrell5@gmail.com](mailto:johnwfarrell5@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 8:53 AM  
Subject: Replacing the Lee statute  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

Please consider Katherine Johnson, whose quest for knowledge and contribution to America's Human Space Flight program was portrayed in the movie "Hidden Figures." She would be an inspiration for women and minorities to pursue careers in math and science. Her selection would also demonstrate that Virginia has put the dark days of Jim Crow and Massive Resistance behind us.

John Farrell

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From: Allen Kent <[akent35@gmail.com](mailto:akent35@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 9:50 AM  
Subject: Replacement statue for U.S. Capitol  
To: [USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov) <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I recommend Bernard S. Cohen who died in 2020. Mr. Cohen was an attorney living in Alexandria. In 1967, he argued for Loving v. Virginia before the U.S. Supreme Court and won a unanimous decision that overturned laws prohibiting interracial marriage throughout the United States. Reference "<https://www.oyez.org/cases/1966/395>".

Allen Kent  
Alexandria, Virginia

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From: aron golebiewski <[vegasmgm@outlook.com](mailto:vegasmgm@outlook.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 10:09 AM  
Subject: Robert E. Lee  
To: [USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov) <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I do not want the removal of the Robert E. Lee statue in the US Capitol! Everyone wants the removal of these Confederate statues but this is part of history. Mr. Lee is a big part of history.

Whether its good or bad its still history. Robert E. Lee was a man of integrity and fought for what

He believed in. Even though what he believed in may have been wrong he

fought with Virginia

Pride and dedication. Robert E. Lee is a Virginia ICON and should be remembered. What happened to the Confederate statues on Monument Avenue in Richmond is a disgrace to all

Virginians .The push to get the statues removed was from an African American Mayor from New York. If you had someone from the state of Virginia in the mayor's office it would not be this

Much of a struggle to remember Virginia history. Anyone who is trying to remove Robert E Lee's

Statue and the remaining Confederate statues and erase history are condemned to repeat it.

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From: <[lgreever@bgtco.net](mailto:lgreever@bgtco.net)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 10:22 AM  
Subject: Replacement nomination for Lee statue  
To: [USCapitolCommission@DHR.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@DHR.virginia.gov) <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I suggest you replace the Lee statue in the US Capitol with a statue honoring George Mason, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which is the foundation of both the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution.

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From: Miles Garrett <[m.garrett@dcpsnet.org](mailto:m.garrett@dcpsnet.org)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 10:35 AM  
Subject: Statue Recommendation  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

I am writing to you to recommend Susan Rice to be the replacement for the Virginia statute in Nation's Capital. She is very well educated that she attended plenty of schools. She went to Stanford University to learn about the history of African-Americans.

I think she is a good choice because she is the youngest person to serve assistant secretary in all history. She inspires women of color to gain more education for their future.

Thank you for considering my recommendation and your time.

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From: Jesse Southerland <[jesse.southerland@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.southerland@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 11:16 AM  
Subject: Statue Recommendation  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

To the US Capitol Commission:

I am writing to you to recommend Pocahontas to the Commission. I believe she is the ideal candidate to represent Virginia and replace the former Robert E. Lee statue in the Capitol.

Thank you for considering my recommendation and for your time.

Sincerely,

Jesse Southerland

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Alexandria, VA 22311

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From: Matthew Norton <[mnorton1115@gmail.com](mailto:mnorton1115@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 12:18 PM  
Subject: Name Suggestion for Replacement Statue  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

To whom it may concern,

I am a student at Longwood University, and I live nearby in a small town in Southside Virginia. If General Lee must be removed from the Capitol, I feel that Patrick Henry should be his replacement. Southside Virginia is often forgotten on the state and national level and neglected, but we very proudly claim the brave patriot and statesman Patrick Henry as one of our own.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Norton

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From: Jadlynn McCutchen <[j.mccutchen@dcpsnet.org](mailto:j.mccutchen@dcpsnet.org)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 2:17 PM  
Subject: Replacement for Lee statue in the U.S. Capitol  
To: <[USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:USCapitolCommission@dhr.virginia.gov)>

To the US Capitol Commission,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm reaching out today to give a suggestion on what I believe should replace the former Lee statue.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg would be a great person to represent Virginia as she stood for equal rights for all of any color, and any gender preference. Ruth Bader Ginsburg spent a lifetime flourishing in the face of adversity before being appointed a Supreme Court justice, where she successfully fought against gender discrimination and unified the liberal block of the court.

Although she is not from Virginia she has greatly affected every state fighting for women's rights. She just passed away this year and her place in the Supreme court has already been taken, but I think she will always be the best.

Sincerely,  
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