

**Emails Posted Nov. 17, After the Meeting**

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Subject: Replacement for R.E. Lee statue  
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Please consider a statue of Thomas William Fox, a Quaker and peace activist from Frederick County VA. He was kidnapped, tortured and murdered in Baghdad Iraq in 2005 while working on a peace mission.

He is one of the least remembered actors of the Iraq war that 65% of Americans now oppose, and one of the only ones promoting peace by a willingness to hear the Iraqi peoples' grievances with the USA.

War hawks will flip out but isn't peace what we so desperately need now?

Shirley Lavin

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From: Newcomb, Daniel <[danieln1@vt.edu](mailto:danieln1@vt.edu)>  
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Subject: Written Suggestion: Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol  
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Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol,

Please consider my attached written submission for James Armistead Lafayette for consideration of a statue in the United States Capitol Building. Unfortunately my job will prevent me from requesting to speak at tomorrow's public hearing. However, I appreciate the attached submission being considered by the Commission.

Kind Regards,  
Daniel Newcomb

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[See attachment posted separately]

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Pocahontas is the best choice to replace the Lee statue.

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From: Sarah Peet <[shayhurs@gmail.com](mailto:shayhurs@gmail.com)>  
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Subject: Virginia Statue  
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Hello,

Recently Ohio replaced one of their state statue with Thomas Edison. Edison was born in Ohio but left when he was 7. He lived, worked, invented, patented, died in New Jersey. He is associated with New Jersey. I have seen people from both Ohio and New Jersey get extremely upset when they find out Edison is an Ohio statue. I do not want this for Virginia!

I strongly encourage the commission to choose someone who is a true Virginian. Someone who was born and stayed in Virginia or someone on their own accord moved to Virginia and lived here most of their lives.

Two names that have been nominated that are amazing people and should be represented in the Capitol but NOT for the Commonwealth of Virginia are:

Booker T. Washington, who was born in Virginia but he is deeply associated with Tuskegee and really should be a statue from Alabama.

Ella Fitzgerald, who was born in Newport News but moved to New York when she was a little girl. With everything she did for the Harlem Renaissance she should be a New York state statue.

A few names I saw that that would fit into this criteria:

George Marshall

Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller

Dr. Robert Russa Moton

But two names I would like to highlight are:

Powhatan (Wahunsenacawh) - leader of the Powhatan people and Supreme leader of indigenous nations in Chesapeake Bay region. At its height, his realm extended across 10,000 square miles from the banks of the James River north to the Potomac River and from the Atlantic Ocean west to the rolling hills of the piedmont. Father of Pocahontas. There are no native statues representing the East Coast at the Capitol.

<https://historicjamestowne.org/history/chief-powhatan/>

Robert Carter III- Freed his slaves in 1791 soon after manumission became legal in Virginia making it the largest individual freeing of slaves up until the Civil War. Many people talked of equality and the immorality of slavery but it was just that, talk. Robert Carter III walked the walk. Why isn't he well known? People didn't want Washington, Jefferson and other prominent slave owners at the time to look bad so he simply wasn't talked about.

<http://thehouseandhomemagazine.com/culture/virginia-s-first-emancipator-and-his-deed-of-gift/>

<http://lestweforget.hamptonu.edu/page.cfm?uuid=9FEC49D5-FF74-D3F9-24C2346CE6FD803D>

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Thank you

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With the removal of Robert E. Lee from the Capital, I would like to suggest James Armistead Lafayette. While he may not be a household name, we owe much to his bravery during the American Revolution. As a spy for the American forces, he played a key role in the Yorktown victory which ultimately led to the freedom we all so dearly enjoy today.

Tom