

# COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL STATUES IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL MONUMENT SUGGESTION APPLICATION

Virginia's Commission for Historical Statues in the U.S. Capitol is inviting students to submit suggestions for a historical person to represent Virginia in a new statue for placement in the Capitol's National Statuary Hall. The new statue will eventually join one of George Washington and take the place of a statue of Robert E. Lee that the commission recommended removing during a public hearing in August.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS NOVEMBER 27, 2020.**

## **The replacement statue must:**

- be a deceased person.
- have been a citizen of the United States (indigenous peoples who predate US qualify).
- be illustrious for historic renown or for distinguished civic or military service.
- represent only one individual.

## **In addition, the person should possess one or more of the following values and/or attributes:**

- association with significant events that changed the course of history.
- association with significant ideals, writings, and/or intellectual thought.
- exemplification of valor, patriotism, bravery.
- 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.
- the person should not be in conflict with current prevailing values .

## **Nomination Process:**

Nominations may be made via email to: [uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov) or by mail to: US Capitol Commission, DHR, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221 or verbally at a virtual public hearing on November 17th.

For additional information, contact Julie Langan at [Julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:Julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov) or (804) 385-6936 or visit <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov>



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## **MY SUGGESTION FOR THE NEW MONUMENT**

Martin Luther King Jr.

## **HOW DOES THIS PERSON FIT THE CRITERIA?**

Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) is a U.S. citizen who is known for his historical renown and represents bravery, patriotism, as well as valor. He tore apart the religion and race barriers that we used to hold and brought all of us together by making us Americans. MLK's "I Have A Dream" speech explained how we are not Protestants and Catholics, but simply God's children. He showed bravery by standing up against all of the people that opposed his views. He represented patriotism by helping to shape this nation just like how George Washington did. Patriotism isn't an idea, but is devotion to our nation. MLK signifies valor because of the challenges and dangers he faced. He made many bus boycotts, his first in 1955 in

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