

Dear Madame:

I respectfully request that you share this email with the House Rules Committee at their hearing on Monday, February 17, 2014. I wish to inform the Committee that I strenuously object to the passage of HB 4071, which would replace the statue of Jason Lee at the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. with a statue of Mark Hatfield. I had a great deal of respect for Senator Hatfield, but it seems to me that replacing a statue of Jason Lee with one of Mark Hatfield would be something like tearing down the Washington Monument and replacing it with the Calvin Coolidge Monument.

Yes, Mr. Hatfield had a long and distinguished career of public service to the State of Oregon, but without Jason Lee, there would have been no state of Oregon. Mr. Lee campaigned for over 10 years for Oregon's statehood, travelling to and from Washington, D.C. from Oregon on horseback. I am pretty sure that Senator Hatfield can't claim the same. Jason Lee established the oldest university in the western United States. Can the same be said of Mr. Hatfield? It is true, Mr. Hatfield served on the faculty of Willamette University, which Jason Lee founded. Mr. Lee's university has graduated thousands of scholars who include distinguished businessmen, a Nobel Laureate, at least two Oregon U.S. Senators and at least one U.S. Senator from another state, as well as an Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice and a current Oregon Supreme Court Justice. In addition, there are distinguished athletes and educators who owe their success to the education they received at Willamette University.

Although Calvin Coolidge served with distinction as President of the United States, he was no George Washington. And although Mark Hatfield served the state of Oregon with distinction in several capacities, he is no Jason Lee. I URGE you to defeat this bill and allow Jason Lee's likeness to remain where it belongs in the National Statuary Hall.

Respectfully,
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