

Dear Committee Members,

Removing Jason Lee's statue given by our legislators to represent Oregon in Statuary Hall in Washington D.C. would be exactly like removing George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson or any other significant historic figure.

I have reviewed Oregon's historic archives, Washington's historic archives, our National Archives and found multiplied references to the fact that Jason Lee opened the Oregon Trail, founded Willamette university, established the first network of churches for Oregonians, established the first schools for the Native Americans, was celebrated by the Native Americans like White Swan of the Yakimas, recognized by the United States Congress as the petitioner for Oregon Statehood, organizer of early Oregon legislation, buried two wives in Oregon soil and himself rests in Salem, Oregon Lee Memorial Cemetery along Oregon's pioneer legislators, founding families and patriots.

There is nothing behind Lee but wilderness and international competition for who would control Oregon!

Committee Members it is my studied opinion that thousands of Oregonians and by far the majority would be absolutely opposed to revisionist attempts to replace Jason Lee with anyone!

He has earned his place in history by his deeds, sacrifices, and character. If this Committee promotes Lee's removal it would be an insult to history, fidelity and honor and would be a shame to the memory of those who deserve honor.

Lee's portrait hung behind the speakers seat in the original Oregon State Capitol before it burned. This Committee should move to keep Lee in Washington D.C. and move to Commission to replace Lee's portrait in our current Capitol and proclaim Reverend Jason Lee as the founding father of the State of Oregon as history proves without controversy or refute!

I have included modern Oregonians celebrating Lee and other founding pioneers at Capitol remembering our heritage and history taken from Restoring Oregon's Amazing Roots - ROAR website.

Very Gratefully,

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Remembering Jason Lee and other pioneers at Oregon State Capitol is this proof of Oregon citizens feelings about Jason Lee?