

I find it incomprehensible of the removal of an Oregon Founder statue in Washington for a Career politician! A slap in the face to the history of this State and to the citizens of Oregon. How is this bill an emergency, Where is the emergency? Where is this action an immediate threat to public peace or health and safety? What a scam! At times it is embarrassing to have our Representatives make a mockery of our system of creating bills.

By what distinction does Mark Hatfield deserve a place in Washington? He was no champion, did nothing that could come close to Jason Lee in respect to Oregon History, being the first Oregon Governor to hold two terms, is not unique, a 30 year Senator is not unique. Was he controversial, some may believe so, even his own party did not support him in a Primary. He supported Civil Rights, but he was not unique in his views. He did not like War, again not unique. He voted against funding the Military..hmmm that may be unique, but not something to brag about, he raised taxes for education, nothing unique about that. Here is unique, he was the only Republican to vote against a Balanced Budget Amendment, and the vote that the passage failed.

Jason Lee was honored in Feb 11, 2011 on the State Capital steps and Representative Bruce Hanna said it best:

“His work was instrumental in bringing additional settlers to the Willamette Valley, which led to the establishment of Oregon as a US Territory. Without that original request from the tribes for this book of great spritual power and wisdom, our State might not exist.”

I do respectfully request that HB2387 not be supported.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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