

Erin Seiler,

HB 2387 disturbs me greatly. First, I encourage that our rich cultural/religious history be respected.

Removing the Statue of the pioneer/circuit rider Preacher, Jason Lee from Statuary Hall in DC to replace him with a man who never contributed as much or as importantly as Jason Lee is a crime to our history.

Mark Hatfield has his devotees or admirers, like a lot of other people of transitory significance. Hatfield had numerous scandals and though he was a Christian man, he never rose to the stature of the late Jason Lee.

Jason Lee contributed to the creation of this Great State, Founded Willamette University, and has numerous other accomplishments. His work with the Native Americans is also a notable feat.

Respect is key and removing Jason Lee will forever remove the chance for our children, and others, around our nation to really see a man of great character. Hatfield does not measure up to Jason Lee and will only be seen as an average politician who did an average job. In essence, we will lower the bar for our representation in the Great Statuary Hall in Wash. DC.

As for Vic Gilliam and his narcissistic pursuit of Hatfield and the fact that Hatfield had a pivotal influence on Gilliam. Gilliam is not thinking of the bigger picture; Gilliam is thinking about himself.

I will be writing letters to all the other sponsors about this bill. I will fight this bill to the bitter end. There are times when one must stand for his principles. To not have principles is to abandon civilization and it's order. I end this as I started, respect. Respect for our history is what this is all about. I would appreciate a response.

Sincerely,

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