

House Bill 2289

Sponsored by Representatives READ, GILLIAM (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon State Capitol Foundation to undertake fund-raising and commissioning of statue of Mark Odom Hatfield, to be placed in National Statuary Hall in United States Capitol. Directs Legislative Administrator to request Architect of Capitol to seek approval of Joint Committee on Library of Congress for replacement of statue of Jason Lee with statue of Mark Odom Hatfield. Directs foundation to provide for return of Jason Lee statue to suitable location in Salem.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to placement of statues in National Statuary Hall; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas, by Act of Congress, each state is invited to provide and furnish statues, not exceeding
4 two in number, of deceased persons who have been citizens of the state and who were illustrious for
5 their historic renown or for their distinguished civic or military service, such that the state deter-
6 mines them to be worthy of national commemoration in National Statuary Hall in the United States
7 Capitol; and

8 Whereas the State of Oregon has had one citizen, Mark Odom Hatfield, who stands alone in the
9 history of this state in the achievement of a distinguished career in public service; and

10 Whereas Mark Odom Hatfield served for four years as an Oregon State Representative, two
11 years as an Oregon State Senator, two years as Oregon Secretary of State, eight years as the Gov-
12 ernor of Oregon and 30 years as a United States Senator from Oregon; and

13 Whereas, throughout his career in public service, Mark Odom Hatfield earned a reputation for
14 honesty, integrity and intelligence; and

15 Whereas, throughout his career in public service, Mark Odom Hatfield made a positive differ-
16 ence for citizens in every county in Oregon and is eminently worthy of national commemoration in
17 National Statuary Hall; and

18 Whereas, the State of Oregon in years past did provide for the placing of two statues of distin-
19 guished citizens of Oregon in National Statuary Hall; and

20 Whereas one of these statues is of Jason Lee, a man who was a leader in the organization of
21 the territorial government of Oregon and who was the founder of Willamette University; and

22 Whereas Jason Lee can best be honored by relocating his statue in a place of honor in or near
23 the Capitol of the State of Oregon, where it may be enjoyed by citizens and visitors; and

24 Whereas the people of the State of Oregon wish to furnish a statue of Mark Odom Hatfield for
25 placement in National Statuary Hall in accordance with the terms of this 2013 Act; now, therefore,

26 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

27 **SECTION 1.** (1) **In addition to its other duties under ORS 173.500 or otherwise, the**
28 **Oregon State Capitol Foundation, in consultation with the Oregon Historical Society, shall**
29 **solicit donations and undertake a fund-raising campaign to raise moneys for:**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (a) The selection of a sculptor and the commissioning of a design and the production of
2 a sculpture of Mark Odom Hatfield, including the creation of a pedestal and any desired in-
3 scription;

4 (b) The transportation of the statue and pedestal to the United States Capitol;

5 (c) The temporary display of the statue in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol
6 during any unveiling ceremony to be held;

7 (d) Other costs associated with the unveiling ceremony;

8 (e) The costs of removal of the statue of Jason Lee from National Statuary Hall in the
9 United States Capitol, transportation of the Jason Lee statue to Salem, Oregon, and instal-
10 lation of the Jason Lee statue at a suitable location identified by the foundation after con-
11 sultation with the historical society; and

12 (f) Any other expenses the foundation incurs in implementing this section.

13 (2) Upon enactment of this 2013 Act, the Legislative Administrator shall:

14 (a) Facilitate meetings of the foundation for the purpose of undertaking the duties de-
15 scribed in subsection (1) of this section;

16 (b) Within six months following enactment of this 2013 Act, write to the Architect of the
17 Capitol apprising the architect of the interest of the State of Oregon in replacing the statue
18 of Jason Lee in National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol with a statue of Mark
19 Odom Hatfield and requesting the architect to seek the approval of the Joint Committee on
20 the Library of Congress for the statue replacement; and

21 (c) Convey all information received from the Architect of the Capitol about the statue
22 replacement project to the foundation and the Governor or the Governor's designee.

23 (3) As soon as is practicable after the date on which the foundation determines that it
24 has obtained sufficient funding to undertake the project described in subsection (1) of this
25 section, the foundation shall seek proposals from qualified sculptors and direct the Legisla-
26 tive Administrator to undertake whatever other measures are necessary to complete the
27 project described in subsection (1) of this section. The foundation and the administrator shall
28 follow the direction of the Architect of the Capitol in completing the project described in
29 subsection (1) of this section.

30 SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
31 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect
32 on its passage.