

Honorable Rules Committee Chair Williamson and Members,

Please do not pass HB4004,

A bill has been presented for several sessions to replace Jason Lee Statute in Statuary Hall. We worked very hard to keep the Jason Lee statue there. Lots of people came and gave testimony to please ask you to not remove him. Please add the testimony from the previous sessions to this hearing, testimony is linked below. Lots of people have given of their time and effort to keep his statue in Statuary Hall and in our memory.

Here is a link to the testimony in 2013 for HB

2387. <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2013R1/Measures/Exhibits/HB2387>

Here is the link to the testimony in 2014 for HB

4071 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Measures/Exhibits/HB4071>

The link for the testimony in 2015 for

SB942 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Measures/Exhibits/SB942>

If it were not for the work of Jason Lee. Oregon would be part of Great Britain. John McLoughlin was employed by the Hudson Bay Company and under the control of Great Britain. McLoughlin did not advocate that the Oregon Country become part of the US, It was Jason Lee who was our advocate for US protection and statehood.

The Nez Pierce people met with Gen. William Clark in St Louis in 1832 and requested "The book of heaven" be given to them. That set in motion a call for missionaries to bring God's 'book of heaven', their words for the bible, to their peoples. Jason Lee answered that call. It is fitting that both Jason Lee carrying statehood petition and his bible, remain on display representing our true Oregon history in Washington DC. Jason Lee understood government. He knew the northwest would be settled by someone, therefore he sought Congress to establish it for the US.

The statement by the curator at the National Statuary Hall regarding Jason Lee's contribution to the US and Oregon.

<http://www.aoc.gov/capitol-hill/national-statuary-hall-collection/jason-lee>

The children of Oregon collected pennies to put the Jason Lee Memorial into Statuary Hall as a lasting memorial to his life's work. How can you over rule their efforts? Oregon's children today are not taught about Jason Lee. The testimony of the our states children is the remaining testimony of his life.

Jason Lee Memorial Addresses

Wm. D. Fenton, J. R. Wilson, J. C. Moreland, H. W. Scott, R. P. Boise, T. G. Hailey, Allen Weir and B. L. Steeves

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I wrote an article on the Jason Lee Statue that was published in the NorthWest Connections "How do we Mark history?" , page 10. [http://www.nw-connection.com/archives/NWConn\\_Junewebversion1.pdf](http://www.nw-connection.com/archives/NWConn_Junewebversion1.pdf)

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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