

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL STATUES IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL MONUMENT SUGGESTION APPLICATION

Virginia's Commission for Historical Statues in the U.S. Capitol is inviting students to submit suggestions for a historical person to represent Virginia in a new statue for placement in the Capitol's National Statuary Hall. The new statue will eventually join one of George Washington and take the place of a statue of Robert E. Lee that the commission recommended removing during a public hearing in August.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS NOVEMBER 27, 2020.

The replacement statue must:

- be a deceased person.
- have been a citizen of the United States (indigenous peoples who predate US qualify).
- be illustrious for historic renown or for distinguished civic or military service.
- represent only one individual.

In addition, the person should possess one or more of the following values and/or attributes:

- association with significant events that changed the course of history.
- association with significant ideals, writings, and/or intellectual thought.
- exemplification of valor, patriotism, bravery.
- the subject's primary historical significance should be tied to Virginia directly or they should have spent the majority of their life in the state.
- the person should not be in conflict with current prevailing values.

Nomination Process:

Nominations may be made via email to: uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov or by mail to: US Capitol Commission, DHR, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221 or verbally at a virtual public hearing on November 17th.



For additional information, contact Julie Langan at Julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov or (804) 385-6936 or visit <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov>

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Your School: Alberta Smith Elementary

Your County you live in: Chesterfield

MY SUGGESTION FOR THE NEW MONUMENT

Henrietta Lacks

HOW DOES THIS PERSON FIT THE CRITERIA?

Henrietta Lacks, without knowing, changed the history of medicine and saved millions of lives with her cells. Henrietta Lacks was born in Roanoke, Virginia. After her fifth child Henrietta Lacks came down with cancer and did not have a lot of time to live. But when the doctors took out her cells they noticed that her cells lived longer than the other cells they tested. They used her cells for other people and Henrietta Lacks saved millions of people with her cells and her cells are still alive today. Her cells have been dedicated to the polio vaccine, to the study of leukemia, the AIDS virus and cancer worldwide.

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