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The National Statuary Hall Collection, located in the U.S. Capitol, comprises 100 statues provided by individual states to honor persons notable for their historic renown or for distinguished services. The collection was authorized in 1864, when Congress redesignated the hall where the House of Representatives formerly met as National Statuary Hall. The first statue, depicting Nathanael Greene, was provided in 1870 by Rhode Island. The collection has consisted of two statues per state since 2005, when New Mexico sent a statue of Po'pay. At various times, aesthetic and structural concerns necessitated the relocation of some statues outside of National Statuary Hall, and, today, some of these statues are located in the House and Senate wings of the Capitol, Rotunda, Crypt, and Capitol Visitor Center.

Legislation to increase the size of the National Statuary Hall Collection has been introduced in several Congresses. These measures would permit states to furnish more than two statues or allow the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories to provide statues to the collection. None of these proposals have been enacted to date.

Should Congress choose to expand the number of statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection, the Joint Committee on the Library (JCL), other congressional officials, and the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) may need to consider statue location to address aesthetic, structural, and safety concerns in National Statuary Hall, the Capitol Visitor Center, and other areas of the Capitol.

This report provides historical information on the National Statuary Hall Collection and National Statuary Hall. It examines the creation, design, placement, and replacement of statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection. The report then discusses recent legislative proposals to increase the size of the National Statuary Hall Collection.

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Introduction

The U.S. Capitol is home to extensive art collections. These collections are considered by Congress as “an integral part of the history of this renowned building.”¹ Perhaps the most prominent collection is the National Statuary Hall Collection, which contains statues of notable citizens provided by each state. First authorized in 1864, today, the National Statuary Hall Collection contains 100 statues throughout the Capitol. Today, 35 collection statues are displayed in National Statuary Hall.² The rest of the National Statuary Hall Collection is displayed in the House and Senate wings of the Capitol, Rotunda, Crypt, and Capitol Visitor Center (CVC).³

Collection statues—chosen by the states to honor prominent citizens—are furnished to Congress for display in the Capitol. In the 106th Congress (1999-2000), for the first time, states were allowed to replace a statue previously donated to the National Statuary Hall Collection.⁴ In past Congresses, legislation has been introduced to alter the size of the collection by allowing each state to contribute three statues instead of two or allow the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories to provide one statue each.⁵

Establishing the National Statuary Hall Collection

On January 6, 1864, Representative Justin Smith Morrill of Vermont introduced a resolution, which was agreed to by voice vote, requesting that the House Committee on Public Buildings examine the possibility of using the Old Hall of the House of Representatives to display statues.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to examine and report as to the expediency of setting apart the old hall of the House of Representatives as a hall for statuary; and also as to the cost of a new flooring and bronze railing on each side of the passage-way through the hall, preparatory to the reception of such works of arts.⁶

On April 19, 1864, Representative John Hovey Rice of Maine introduced, on behalf of the House Committee on Public Buildings, which he chaired, a joint resolution to create a statuary hall in the Old Hall of the House and to authorize existing appropriations to repair the old House chamber.⁷ The resolution called for the President to “invite each of the states to provide and furnish statues in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number each, of men who have been citizens thereof, illustrious in their historical renown or distinguished for their civic or military services, such as

¹ U.S. Congress, House Joint Committee on the Library, *Art in the United States Capitol*, prepared by the Architect of the Capitol, 91st Cong., 2nd sess., H.Doc. 91-368 (Washington: GPO, 1976), p. ix.

² The House generally met in the “Old Hall” (now called National Statuary Hall) from 1807 until the completion in 1857 of the present House wing of the Capitol. One other statue is on display in National Statuary Hall that is not part of the National Statuary Hall Collection. In 2005, Congress commissioned a statue to honor Rosa Parks (P.L. 109-116, 119 Stat. 2524 (2005)). The statue was dedicated and placed in Statuary Hall in 2013. For more information, see “Rosa Parks Statue,” U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, <https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/art/rosa-parks-statue>.

³ The location of statues in the collection is available from the Architect of the Capitol, at <https://www.aoc.gov/capitol-hill/national-statuary-hall-collection/nsh-location>.

⁴ P.L. 106-554, §1(a)(2), 114 Stat. 2763A-119 (2000).

⁵ Current statutory requirements for statues placed in National Statuary Hall can be found in Title 2 *United States Code* 2131, 2131a, and 2132.

⁶ U.S. Congress, *Journal of the House of Representatives of the United States*, 83rd Cong. 1st sess., January 6, 1864 (Washington: GPO, 1863), p. 108.

⁷ Rep. John Hovey Rice et al., “The Old House Hall,” House debate, *Congressional Globe*, vol. 34, part 2 (April 19, 1864), pp. 1736-1737.

each State shall determine are worthy of national remembrance.”⁸ The joint resolution passed the House by a vote of 87 to 20 and was referred in the Senate to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds,⁹ where it was reported without amendment and with the recommendation that it “ought not to pass.”¹⁰ The Senate took no further action on the joint resolution.

Subsequently, in June 1864, during House consideration of a civil appropriations bill, Representative Thaddeus Stevens of Pennsylvania offered an amendment similar to the joint resolution previously passed by the House.¹¹ The amendment was agreed to in the House,¹² but was removed from the bill when it was considered in the Senate.¹³ The proposed language was restored in conference committee, and it stated

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a marble floor, similar to that of the Congressional Library or the Senate vestibule, shall be constructed in the old Hall of the House of Representatives, using such marble as may be now on hand and not otherwise required, and that suitable structures and railings shall be therein erected for the reception and protection of statuary, and the same shall be under the supervision and direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings; and so much of the moneys now or heretofore appropriated for the capitol extension as may be necessary, not exceeding the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, is hereby set apart and shall be disbursed for the *porse* [purposes] hereinbefore mentioned. And the President is hereby authorized to invite each and all the States to provide and furnish statues, in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each state, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown or from distinguished civic or military services, such as each state shall determine to be worthy of this national commemoration; and when so furnished the same shall be placed in the old hall of the House of Representatives, in the capitol of the United States, which is hereby set apart, or so much thereof as may be necessary, as a national statuary hall, for the purposes herein indicated.¹⁴

The first statue in the collection, depicting Nathanael Greene, was provided by Rhode Island in 1870. As the Union grew, the number of statues in the collection increased; by 1933, the hall held 65 statues, some of which stood three deep. Aesthetic and structural concerns necessitated the relocation of some statues throughout the Capitol.¹⁵ The collection reached 100 statues in 2005 when New Mexico, which became a state in 1912, added the statue of Po’pay.¹⁶

⁸ Ibid., p. 1736.

⁹ Ibid., p. 1737.

¹⁰ U.S. Congress, *Journal of the Senate of the United States of America*, 83rd Cong. 1st sess., April 25, 1864 (Washington: GPO, 1863), p. 366.

¹¹ Rep. Thaddeus Stevens, “Civil Appropriations Bill,” House debate, *Congressional Globe*, vol. 34, part 4 (June 20, 1864), pp. 3106-3107.

¹² U.S. Congress, Joint Committee on the Library, *Legislation Creating the National Statuary Hall in the Capitol*, 64th Cong., 2nd sess. (Washington: GPO, 1916), p. 12.

¹³ “Civil Appropriations Bill,” Senate debate, *Congressional Globe*, vol. 34, part 4 (June 24, 1864), p. 3225.

¹⁴ 13 Stat. 347, July 2, 1864. Authority over the Capitol Building and Grounds was transferred to the Architect of the Capitol in 1876 (19 Stat. 147 (1876)). For more information on the creation of National Statuary Hall, see U.S. Congress, Joint Committee on the Library, *Legislation Creating the National Statuary Hall in the Capitol: With the Proceedings in Congress Relating to the Statues Placed in the National Statuary Hall by the States*, prepared by H.A. Vale, 64th cong., 2nd sess. (Washington: GPO, 1916), pp. 5-17.

¹⁵ National Statuary Hall is the two-story, former chamber of the House of Representatives and is also called the “Old Hall of the House.” For more information, see “Statuary Hall,” House Debate, *Congressional Record*, vol. 76, part 4 (February 20, 1933), pp. 4533-4534; and “Statuary Hall,” *Congressional Record*, vol. 76, part 4 (February 20, 1933), pp. 4533-4534. Also, see “Statuary Hall Creaks ‘Neath the Weight of Fame,” *The Christian Science Monitor*, January 25, 1933, p. 1.

¹⁶ “Po’pay Statue,” U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, <http://www.aoc.gov/cc/art/nsh/popay.cfm>.

Statues in the Collection: Design, Placement, and Replacement

Pursuant to the July 1864 civil appropriations bill, each state may donate up to two statues for inclusion in the National Statuary Hall Collection. Statues donated to the collection are to be made of “marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each State, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services.”¹⁷

Statue Design and Placement Guidelines

Statues donated to the collection must be formally accepted by the Joint Committee on the Library (JCL).¹⁸ To assist states, the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) has published guidelines, which are subject to modification by the JCL, for creating statues for the collection. The guidelines address numerous aspects of statuary design, including subject, material, pedestal, inscriptions, size and weight, patina and coating, and other considerations.¹⁹

Additionally, the AOC, “upon the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library (JCL) and with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts as requested,”²⁰ is authorized and directed to locate or relocate collection statues within the Capitol.²¹ The AOC, under the JCL’s guidance, established a nine-step process for the acceptance of a new or replacement statue. This process is part of the statue design and placement guidelines.

Statue Design and Placement Guidelines

Specific requirements and guidelines for statue design and placement are available from the Architect of the Capitol, at https://www.aoc.gov/sites/default/files/statue_replacement_guidelines_2014.pdf.

¹⁷ 2 U.S.C. §2131.

¹⁸ In addition to authorities granted to the JCL in 1872, Congress in 1988 assigned responsibility to provide works of fine art and other property for display in the Capitol to the Capitol Preservation Commission. Similar authorities were granted to the House and Senate through the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board, Senate Commission on Art, and Senate Committee on Rules and Administration for art in their buildings and respective wings of the Capitol. (2 U.S.C. §§2081, 2101, 2102, 2121, 2133, 2135). These parallel authorities may raise questions related to which congressional entities might be involved in future National Statuary Hall Collection and other fine art decisions.

¹⁹ 2 U.S.C. §2131. Also, see Architect of the Capitol, *Procedure and Guidelines for Replacement of Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection*. A copy of this document is available to congressional clients from the authors upon request. Other considerations include requirements that statues and pedestals not be safety hazards and should not include sharp or protruding elements.

²⁰ 2 U.S.C. §2132(e). The Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) was created by Congress in 1910. The commission advises Congress, the President, and heads of departments and agencies on the location of statues, fountains, and monuments in public spaces in the District of Columbia; selection of models and artists for statues, fountains, and monuments erected under the authority of the federal government; and responds to questions of art, when required. A 2002 revision of the law states that the commission’s responsibilities do “not apply to the Capitol Building and the Library of Congress buildings,” suggesting it no longer has a role in decisions regarding the location of the collection within the Capitol. See 40 U.S.C. §9102.

²¹ H.Con.Res. 47 (72nd Congress), agreed to February 24, 1933. Statutory authority was enacted in 2000; 2 U.S.C. §2132(e).

Replacement of Statues

Since 2000, states have been allowed to replace statues donated to the collection. Regulations for the replacement of statues were established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001.²² In 2005, Congress enacted a requirement that an individual depicted on a statue displayed in the National Statuary Hall Collection must be deceased for at least 10 years.²³ To replace a statue, a state must

- request—through the approval of a resolution adopted by the state legislature and signed by the governor—in writing, approval from the Joint Committee; and
- ensure that the statue to be replaced has been displayed in the collection for at least 10 years.²⁴

Upon the Joint Committee’s approval of the replacement request, the AOC is authorized to enter into an agreement with the state, subject to any conditions imposed by the Joint Committee. Once accepted, the state is responsible for paying all related costs, including the design, construction, transportation, and placement of the new statue and pedestal; the removal and transportation of the statue being replaced (back to the state or other location determined by the state legislature); and any unveiling ceremony.²⁵

Since the authorization of replacements within the collection in 2000, 13 states—Alabama, Arkansas (twice), Arizona, California, Florida, Iowa, Kansas (twice), Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Nebraska (twice), Ohio, and Utah—have sent a replacement statue. Additionally, in 2020, Virginia requested the removal of its Robert E. Lee statue and also announced that a statue of Barbara Johns will be sent to the Capitol as a replacement.²⁶ A timeline for the arrival in the U.S. Capitol of the Barbara Johns statue has not yet been announced.²⁷

A list of statues replaced in the collection can be found in **Appendix B**.

Proposals to Expand the Collection

Legislation to increase the size of the collection might fall into two categories. The first would increase the number of statues that states are permitted to donate, from a maximum of two per state to three per state. The second would permit the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories to contribute one or more statues to the collection.

²² This section is based on P.L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763A-119 (2000), codified at 22 U.S.C. §2132, and other sources as noted.

²³ 2 U.S.C. §2131a(a).

²⁴ The Joint Committee on the Library may waive the 10-year requirement for cause at the request of the state, 2 U.S.C. §2132.

²⁵ For example, see the State of Nebraska’s summary of activities for the replacement of a statue of Julius Sterling Morton with a statue of Willa Cather in 2023, at <https://history.nebraska.gov/willa-cather-national-statuary-hall-selection-committee>.

²⁶ For more information, see Letter from The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia, to J. Brett Blanton, Architect of the Capitol, July 31, 2020, <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/7.31.2020-RSN-Letter-to-Brett-Blanton.pdf>; and “Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol,” Virginia Department of Historic Resources, <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/uscapitolcommission>.

²⁷ For more information on the Johnny Cash statue, see “Capitol Arts & Grounds Commission,” Arkansas Secretary of State, <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/cagc>. For more information on the Barbara Johns statue, see Virginia Department of Historic Resources, “Preliminary Model of Virginia’s Barbara Rose Johns Statute for U.S. Capitol Approved,” August 7, 2023, <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/blog-posts/barbara-rose-johns-maquette-approved-for-us-capitol>.

Expansion of Permitted Statues Per State

Since the redesignation of the Old Hall of the House as National Statuary Hall in 1864, each state has been allowed to place two statues in the collection. Supporters of providing a third statue per state argue that additional statues could provide an opportunity to increase the diversity of the collection, which currently includes 21 statues of women or minorities.²⁸ Several proposals have been introduced since the 1990s to provide a third statue to each state.²⁹

If Congress were to authorize an additional statue per state, states would be able, but not be required, to add statues to the collection. Increasing the collection by up to 50 statues may take some time, as states debate who might be honored, approve their selections, request JCL approval, raise funds, and commission artists to create new statues.

Should the National Statuary Hall Collection expand to more than 100 statues, space for the additional statues in the Capitol complex could become an issue. Currently, collection statues are located in the Rotunda; the Crypt; the House wing of the Capitol in National Statuary Hall; the Hall of Columns; and adjacent to the House chamber, the Senate wing of the Capitol, and the CVC. When the CVC opened in 2008, collection statues were moved to Emancipation Hall and other CVC locations to reduce the number of statues in National Statuary Hall and other Capitol locations. The addition of 50 or more statues might require the AOC to place statues closer together in those locations. If more statues are placed in National Statuary Hall itself, some display and structural concerns that have arisen in the past may be revisited.

Statues for the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories

In the past, proposals have been introduced to authorize the District of Columbia and the territories to provide one or two statues for the National Statuary Hall Collection. None of these proposals were considered.³⁰ Although it is not part of the National Statuary Hall collection, in 2013, a statue of Frederick Douglass was donated by the District of Columbia government and accepted by Congress for placement in Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center.³¹ The statue was officially unveiled on June 19, 2013.³²

Issues for Congress

Over the past four decades, Congress has considered proposals to increase the number of statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection. As noted above, one group of legislative proposals involves adding additional statues for each state; another would expand the collection by allowing the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories to provide statues to the collection. If either or

²⁸ U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, "How Many Women are Represented in the National Statuary Hall Collection," *Capitol Hill Facts*, <https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/capitol-hill-facts>; and Rep. Stephen Cohen, "Support More Diversity in the United States Capitol," remarks in the House, *Congressional Record*, daily edition, vol. 157, (March 30, 2011), p. H2049.

²⁹ For example, see H.R. 3368 (103rd Congress), introduced October 26, 1993; and H.R. 1289 (112th Congress), introduced March 31, 2011. "Introduction of Bill and Joint Resolutions," *Congressional Record*, vol. 121, part 2 (February 5, 1975), p. 2447.

³⁰ For example, see S. 566 (94th Congress) and S. 3678 (93rd Congress). Similar legislation to authorize the District of Columbia and territories to provide statues to the collection was introduced in the 99th, 109th, 111th, and 118th Congresses. In the 118th Congress, H.R. 1026 and H.R. 3251 would authorize the President to invite each U.S. territory to provide two statues for placement in National Statuary Hall.

³¹ P.L. 112-174, 126 Stat. 1311 (2012).

³² S.Con.Res. 16 (113th Congress), May 21, 2013.

both options were adopted, proponents argue that states could donate statues that better represent various aspects of their history. Congress might also consider revising the criteria to discourage or disallow states from sending figures associated with certain historical events or revising standards for statues associated with certain historical events from being displayed in the Capitol.³³

Increasing the number of statues in the collection, however, could result in further space concerns related to statue display in the Capitol. When the CVC opened, the AOC, under the JCL's direction, reduced the number of collection statues on display in National Statuary Hall as well as in the House and Senate wings of the Capitol by moving them to Emancipation Hall and other locations within the CVC. Adding additional statues to the collection might necessitate relocating existing statues.

Any changes to the collection would likely be weighed against the potential costs to states, or if approved, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, who might provide new statues. In the case of expanding the number of statues that might be added to the collection, a further concern is whether the larger collection could be displayed in the Capitol in an appropriate manner. Other considerations include structural, traffic management, and life safety constraints of the physical environment.

³³ For example, in the 117th Congress (2021-2022)—H.R. 3005, §3(b) and H.R. 8237—and in the 118th Congress (2023-2024)—H.R. 1248 and S. 573—would generally have required the removal of all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in publicly accessible areas of the United States Capitol. See also, U.S. Congress, House, Committee on Appropriations, *Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 2023*, 117th Cong., 2nd sess., H.Rept. 117-389 (2022), <https://www.congress.gov/congressional-report/117th-congress/house-report/389>.

Appendix A. National Statuary Hall Collection Statues

Table A-1 provides a list of statues currently in the collection, by state, with the name of the statue and the year it was placed in the collection.

Table A-1. National Statuary Hall Collection Statues

State	Statue	Year Placed	State	Statue	Year Placed
Alabama	Helen Keller	2009	Montana	Jeanette Rankin	1985
Alabama	Joseph Wheeler	1925	Montana	Charles Marion Russell	1959
Alaska	Ernest Gruening	1977	Nebraska	Chief Standing Bear	2019
Alaska	Edward Lewis Bartlett	1971	Nebraska	Willa Cather	2023
Arizona	Eusebio Kino	1965	Nevada	Sarah Winnemucca	2005
Arizona	Barry Goldwater	2015	Nevada	Patrick Anthony McCarran	1960
Arkansas	Daisy Lee Gatson Bates	2024	New Hampshire	John Stark	1894
Arkansas	Johnny Cash	2024	New Hampshire	Daniel Webster	1894
California	Father Junipero Serra	1931	New Jersey	Richard Stockton	1888
California	Ronald Wilson Reagan	2009	New Jersey	Philip Kearny	1888
Colorado	John L. Swigert	1997	New Mexico	Po'pay	2005
Colorado	Florence R. Sabin	1959	New Mexico	Dennis Chavez	1966
Connecticut	Roger Sherman	1872	New York	Robert R. Livingston	1875
Connecticut	Jonathan Trumbull	1872	New York	George Clinton	1873
Delaware	Caesar Rodney	1934	North Carolina	Billy Graham Jr.	2024
Delaware	John Middleton Clayton	1934	North Carolina	Zebulon Baird Vance	1916
Florida	Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune	2022	North Dakota	Sakakawea	2003
Florida	John Gorrie	1914	North Dakota	John Burke	1963
Georgia	Crawford W. Long	1926	Ohio	Thomas Edison	2016
Georgia	Alexander Hamilton Stephens	1927	Ohio	James A. Garfield	1886
Hawaii	Kamehameha I	1969	Oklahoma	Will Rogers	1939
Hawaii	Father Damien	1969	Oklahoma	Sequoyah	1917
Idaho	William Edgar Borah	1947	Oregon	John McLoughlin	1953
Idaho	George Laird Shoup	1910	Oregon	Jason Lee	1953
Illinois	James Shields	1893	Pennsylvania	John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg	1889
Illinois	Frances E. Willard	1905	Pennsylvania	Robert Fulton	1889
Indiana	Lewis Wallace	1910	Rhode Island	Nathanael Greene	1870

State	Statue	Year Placed	State	Statue	Year Placed
Indiana	Oliver Hazard Perry Morton	1900	Rhode Island	Roger Williams	1872
Iowa	Dr. Norman E. Borlaug	2014	South Carolina	John Caldwell Calhoun	1910
Iowa	Samuel Jordan Kirkwood	1913	South Carolina	Wade Hampton	1929
Kansas	Amelia Earhart	2022	South Dakota	Joseph Ward	1963
Kansas	Dwight D. Eisenhower	2003	South Dakota	William Henry Harrison Beadle	1938
Kentucky	Ephraim McDowell	1929	Tennessee	John Sevier	1931
Kentucky	Henry Clay	1929	Tennessee	Andrew Jackson	1928
Louisiana	Edward Douglass White	1955	Texas	Stephen Austin	1905
Louisiana	Huey Pierce Long	1941	Texas	Sam Houston	1905
Maine	William King	1878	Utah	Martha Hughes Cannon	2024
Maine	Hannibal Hamlin	1935	Utah	Brigham Young	1950
Maryland	Charles Carroll	1903	Vermont	Ethan Allen	1876
Maryland	John Hanson	1903	Vermont	Jacob Collamer	1881
Massachusetts	Samuel Adams	1876	Virginia	George Washington	1934
Massachusetts	John Winthrop	1876	Virginia	See Table Note Below	
Michigan	Lewis Cass	1889	Washington	Mother Joseph	1980
Michigan	Gerald R. Ford Jr.	2011	Washington	Marcus Whitman	1953
Minnesota	Maria L. Sanford	1958	West Virginia	John E. Kenna	1901
Minnesota	Henry Mower Rice	1916	West Virginia	Francis Harrison Pierpont	1910
Mississippi	James Zachariah George	1931	Wisconsin	Jacques Marquette	1896
Mississippi	Jefferson Davis	1931	Wisconsin	Robert M. La Follette	1929
Missouri	Francis Preston Blair Jr.	1899	Wyoming	Washakie	2000
Missouri	Harry S. Truman	2022	Wyoming	Esther Hobart Morris	1960

Source: CRS compilation from Architect of the Capitol National Statuary Hall Collection website, http://www.aoc.gov/the-national-statuary-hall-collection?capitol_hill=TRUE.

Note: The statue of Robert E. Lee (VA) has been removed from display. For more information, see **Table B-1**.

Appendix B. Statues Replaced in the National Statuary Hall Collection

Since 2000, states have been allowed to replace statues donated to the collection. Regulations for the replacement of statues were established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001.³⁴

Table B-1 provides a list of states that have replaced statues, the year of the replacement, the original statue, and the replacement statue.

Table B-1. Replaced Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection

State	Year	Original Statue	Replacement Statue
Kansas	2003	George W. Glick	Dwight D. Eisenhower
Alabama	2009	Lamar Monroe Curry	Helen Keller
California	2009	Thomas Starr King	Ronald Wilson Reagan
Michigan	2011	Zachariah Chandler	Gerald R. Ford Jr.
Iowa	2014	James Harlan	Dr. Norman E. Borlaug
Arizona	2015	John Campbell Greenway	Barry Goldwater
Ohio	2016	William Allen	Thomas Edison
Nebraska	2019	William Jennings Bryan	Chief Standing Bear
Florida	2022	Edmund Kirby Smith	Mary McLeod Bethune
Kansas	2022	John James Ingalls	Amelia Earhart
Missouri	2022	Thomas Hart Benton	Harry S. Truman
Nebraska	2023	Julius Sterling Morton	Willa Cather
Arkansas	2024	Uriah Rose	Daisy Lee Gatson Bates
North Carolina	2024	Charles Aycock	Billy Graham Jr.
Arkansas	2024	James Paul Clarke	Johnny Cash
Utah	2024	Philo T. Farnsworth	Martha Hughes Cannon
Virginia	Pending	Robert E. Lee (Removed from display, 2020) ^a	Barbara Johns

Source: CRS compilation from Architect of the Capitol National Statuary Hall Collection website, <http://www.aoc.gov/the-national-statuary-hall-collection>.

Note:

- a. In 2020, at the request of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Robert E. Lee statue was removed from display in the U.S. Capitol. For more information, see Letter from The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia, to J. Brett Blanton, Architect of the Capitol, July 31, 2020, <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/7.31.2020-RSN-Letter-to-Brett-Blanton.pdf>.

³⁴ This sentence is based on P.L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763A-119 (2000), codified at 22 U.S.C. §2132, and other sources as noted.

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