

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 656

In Senate, April 15, 2025

**Resolve, to Honor Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain
in the National Statuary Hall**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SATO of Gorham and
Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland, Representative: ANKELES of Brunswick.

Sec. 1. Replacement of statues in National Statuary Hall with statues of Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain. Resolved: That, by October 1, 2025, the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine State Museum Commission and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, as established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsections 7-B, 7-C and 7-D, respectively, in accordance with 2 United States Code, Section 2132, shall request that the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library approve the replacement of the statue of Hannibal Hamlin and the statue of William King that are currently located in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Margaret Chase Smith and a statue of Joshua Chamberlain. Within one year of the approval of the replacement of the statues, the commissions shall replace the statues of Hannibal Hamlin and William King with statues of Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain that meet all applicable federal requirements. The commissions shall relocate the statues of Hannibal Hamlin and William King to the State and place them within public view within the State House, if feasible, or on the grounds of the State House.

SUMMARY

Maine currently has on display in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. a statue of Hannibal Hamlin and a statue of William King. This resolve requires the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine State Museum Commission and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to request of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library that the statues of Hannibal Hamlin and William King be replaced with statues of Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain. If approval is granted, the commissions are required to replace the statues and move the Hamlin and King statues to the State House or the grounds of the State House.