

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 1079

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM

Hearing Date: April 19, 2021 10:00 AM - or upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted

Linda Balson

Self

Yoakum, TX

HB 1079 is very important to Texans. Please protect and NOT move our beloved Texas Battleship by supporting and passing this bill as soon as possible. Respectfully, Linda Balson

Donita Banks

Retired

Silsbee, TX

I want the story of my ancestors told. I want everyone to know My Story. I am tired of the jigsaw puzzle of history. African Americans broke their backs, but our spirit couldn't be broken!!! Tell our story!!!

Ronny Roberts

This is Texas Freedom Force

Bertram, TX

Historical markers should stay where they are. This is Texas and we are prouder than other states. It is our history that makes Texas what it is.

Angela Webb

The texas freedom force

Lago vista, TX

Please leave Texas battleship where it at San Jacinto.
Historically place and charished memories.

Teri Wright Mordica

self and my family

Pleasanton, TX

My name is Teri Wright Mordica born in Houston, raised in Austin and currently residing in Pleasanton. I'm 69, recently widowed, mother of 2 sons, proud grandmother of 4 awesome grandkids ranging in age from 10-20.

I am here in strong SUPPORT of HB 1079 which will return the Battleship Texas to the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic site.

When I was in school we were taught Texas history, we learned about the Texas Declaration of Independence, Texas struggle against a tyrannical government that forced a national religion and wanted to take away of guns and right to trial by jury. We

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learned the pledge to the Texas flag, the state motto, song, bird, flower AND that April 21st wasn't just Aggie muster (gig'em) but San Jacinto Day and what it meant AND it was a state holiday.

I'm here because I'm tired of sitting on my couch saying there's nothing I can do, I'm only 1 person, I cannot impact anything. But then one day these words came to me "I was born for this time". For such a time as this...the phrase invokes courage and hope. From the the first time I read the words in the book of Ester, these 6 simple words inspire us towards that one defining moment we all long for...OUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

YOU have the power to make a difference and protect Texas history and Texas monuments and treasures for generations to come. Please do your job and stand up and fight to preserve Texas history.

Timothy Kelley

Self

DEER PARK, TX

As a resident of Deer Park, I would love to see the Flagship of the Texas Navy back at the San Jacinto Battlefield. At the same time, there are a few issues there, one being, there is not enough traffic at San Jacinta to keep her there. Also, I have issues with some of there other locations that have been kicked around, Corpus already has the Lexington and Galveston has Seawolf Park. I have always thought that Baytown, at the foot of the Fred Hartman bridge, would be an excellent spot. That part of 146 is part of the Grand Parkway and would be very highly visible.

Cynthia Kelley

Self

Deer Park, TX

I would like to see the Battleship back at the San Jacinto Battlefield but there would be a lot more visibility in Baytown at the Fred Hartman bridge. TX 146 is part of the Grand Parkway through this area.

MARTIN KRALIK

SELF

DALLAS, TX

I SUPPORT refurbishment AND PRESERVATION OF THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS.

Laura Proske

Self house maker

The Woodlands, TX

I support this bill to protect our Battleship "Texas" because we have to defend and keep our history, our traditions and our past. Our history talks about how we grew up to become the Republic that we are today, the land of the free because of the brave. We always need to remember our past, because is part of our identity.

Gwen Withrow, SREC SD 4

SREC Texas Republican Party

Beaumont, TX

I am in support of HB1079 to protect the battleship Texas. Please support protection of this monument which means a lot to Texans. Please vote it out of committee.

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Scott Wilpitz, Mr

Self (Certified Professional Landman- Petroleum)

Dallas, TX

Please vote for this Bill. We are facing a true crisis in our state and nation as we systematically remove statues/monuments/historical markers which don't agree with the "current" regressive movement to erase the true history of our state and country. We have made mistakes as this great experiment has moved from its infancy to what it has become today, but please tell me why people from all over the world risk so much to get to America. Destroying our monuments and re-writing our true history has been historically tied to the Marxist belief system which is inherently oppressive and evil- is that what we want? Do we want what other socialist, communist and marxist countries have as a way of life!? I say absolutely NO! Please work to protect, maintain and repair all of our Texas monuments. One of the great differences in our nation and the rest of the world, is how we go about resolving our conflicts and disagreements. It is under a Constitutional Republic form of government and an established rule of law. Also remember, "we the people" are the first three words that we should ponder as we move forward as the greatest country in the world. I pray for those for those that in authority as governments ordained by a sovereign God. May God continue to "shed His grace" on us! Thank you for your consideration to my comments and your service to our state.

Doris Spraggins

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

I am FOR this bill.

Vicky Mattheus Roshto

Self - Retired Texas Citizen

Spring Branch, TX

Please vote in favor of this bill!

Darlene Sanderson

Self, retired

CONROE, TX

I fully SUPPORT and am for this bill. For me, I have many fond memories of visiting the Texas as a child...and then taking my children there. The risks to the ship and to the ship channel if it is moved are too great. Dry dock repairs in current location is the best and safest way to restore her.

Simina Farcasiu

self

Austin, TX

I strongly support this bill.

Carole Haynes, Ph.D.

Self

Hickory Creek, TX

I support this bill.

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Anne Markwell, Ms.

Self/retired

Dallas, TX

Vote YES/ FOR passage of this bill. The San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site should be the permanent home of the USS Battleship Texas.