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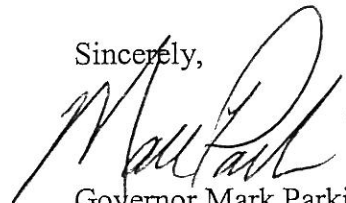
Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol
United States Capitol
Room FB 15
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Ayers:

Enclosed please find an agreement for the replacement of one of the Kansas sponsored statues located in National Statuary Hall in the national Capitol. The agreement authorizes the replacement of the statue of Senator John James Ingalls with a statue of Amelia Earhart, the world renowned Kansas pilot, contingent on receipt of sufficient funds as pledged in the attached letter from Dr. Lynette Long, President of Equal Visibility Everywhere.

I fully support the recognition of this important American heroine, and I appreciate your assistance in implementing the terms of this agreement. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Governor Mark Parkinson
State of Kansas

cc: Representative Jerry Henry
Dr. Lynette Long, President Equal Visibility Everywhere
Ms. Jacque Pregont, President Atchison Chamber of Commerce

Agreement
Between the State of Kansas and the Architect of the Capitol
For the Replacement of Statue of Senator John James Ingalls
In The U.S. Capitol

Statement of General Purpose and Agreement

This Agreement between the State of Kansas (hereinafter "the State") and the Architect of the Capitol (the AOC), which is entered into under the law, 2 U.S.C. § 2132(b), is to carry out the replacement of the statue of Senator John James Ingalls in accordance with the attached request of the State of Kansas and in accordance with the applicable guidelines. The State's request and the guidelines are hereby incorporated by reference within this Agreement and are attached as Appendix A and Appendix B.

Statutory Requirements

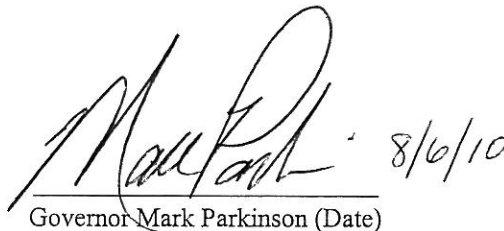
1. The new statue of Amelia Earhart shall be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as apply to any statue provided by a State under 2 U.S.C. §2131. See Appendix B.
2. Contingent upon Equal Visibility Everywhere, a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving gender parity in national symbols and icons, raising and providing the necessary funds, the State of Kansas shall pay any costs related to the replacement, including costs in connection with the design, construction, transportation, and placement of the new statue, the removal and transportation of the statue being replaced, and any unveiling ceremony.

Transfer of Ownership of Statue Being Replaced

Pursuant to Section 2132(d)(1) of Title 2 of the United States Code and as approved by the Joint Committee on the Library, the State of Kansas hereby accepts the transfer of ownership rights in the statue of Senator John James Ingalls.

Agreed to and accepted on the day and date set out below:

Signed


Governor Mark Parkinson (Date)

Governor, State of Kansas

Stephen T. Ayers (Date)

Architect of the Capitol



Equal Visibility EVERYWHERE

July 6, 2010

Jacque Pregont
President
Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce
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Dear Ms. Pregont,

I am President of **Equal Visibility Everywhere (EVE)**, a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving gender parity in our nation's symbols and icons. We believe that by changing our nation's symbols and icons to more accurately represent our nation's diversity, we will create a better country for all. Women are 52% of the US population, yet we are virtually invisible in our country's symbols. Every day, our daughters look at shining images of important men in our statues, stamps, currency, monuments, memorials, museums, and media. Without hearing a word, the message is clear: the accomplishments of men are important and the accomplishments of women are non-existent.

National Statuary Hall, located in our nation's capital, contains 100 statues of great Americans, two from each state. In the entire collection only nine women are represented. One of EVE's major project goals is to increase the number of women honored in National Statuary Hall. Congressional legislation passed in 2000 gives individual states the option of replacing their older statues, and EVE encourages states to consider female citizens when contemplating new honorees for Statuary Hall.

The State of Kansas already took a partial step in this direction in 1999. **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1617** authorized the placement of statues of Dwight David Eisenhower and Amelia Earhart in National Statuary Hall, replacing existing statues of George W. Glick and John James Ingalls. This bill was passed by the Kansas State Legislature and signed by Governor Bill Graves:

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to authorize the placement in Statuary Hall of a statue of Dwight David Eisenhower in lieu of George W. Glick and encouraging the Eisenhower Foundation, Inc. to organize and direct funding for creation of a statue of Dwight David Eisenhower for placement in Statuary Hall and providing for placement in Statuary Hall of a statue of Amelia Earhart in lieu of Senator John James Ingalls.

A bronze statue of Eisenhower, sculpted by Jim Brothers, was duly installed in the Capitol Rotunda in 2003. The statue of Amelia Earhart, however, has not been funded, designed, or constructed. According to the Architect of the Capitol, the State of Kansas still has not submitted official notice of its intention to replace the statue of Ingalls.

EVE is requesting that Governor Mark Parkinson complete the necessary paperwork to place Amelia Earhart in National Statuary Hall. We further ask that EVE be authorized to take full responsibility for fundraising for the new statue so that the citizens of Kansas are not burdened by this expense. EVE will seek donations from corporate sponsors and private individuals. We will hold an open competition for the statue's design, the winner of which will be chosen by the Amelia Earhart Statue Selection Committee (AESSC). The AESSC will be chaired by Dr. Lynette Long, President of EVE, and consist of the following members: The Governor of Kansas and or his representative; the President of the Atchison Chamber of Commerce; the Chairperson of the Amelia Earhart Festival; a member or representative of Amelia Earhart's family; a representative from the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum; EVE's Director of Fundraising for the Amelia Earhart Statue; and the Secretary of the Board of Directors of EVE. The Chair of the AESSC may add other members as necessary.

Amelia Earhart was one of the great heroines of American history, and richly deserves to be honored in our nation's capital. Her achievements were outstanding:

- Women's world altitude record: 14,000 ft (1922)
- First woman to fly the Atlantic (1928)
- Speed records for 100 km (and with 500 lb (230 kg) cargo) (1931)
- First woman to fly an autogyro (1931)
- Altitude record for autogyros: 15,000 ft (1931)
- First person to cross the U.S. in an autogyro (1932)
- First woman to fly the Atlantic solo (1932)
- First person to fly the Atlantic twice (1932)
- First woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross (1932)
- First woman to fly non-stop, coast-to-coast across the U.S. (1933)
- Women's speed transcontinental record (1933)
- First person to fly solo between Honolulu, Hawaii and Oakland, California (1935)
- First person to fly solo from Los Angeles, California to Mexico City, Mexico (1935)
- First person to fly solo nonstop from Mexico City, Mexico to Newark, New Jersey (1935)
- Speed record for east-to-west flight from Oakland, California to Honolulu, Hawaii (1937)

Adding Amelia Earhart to National Statuary Hall will raise the number of statues of women in the hall to ten, give the next generation of girls one more woman to look up to, and give the people of Kansas a brilliant representative for the ages. EVE would be proud to be part of this project.

If you need more information about EVE, please visit our website at www.equalvisibilityeverywhere.org, send me an email at President@EqualVisibilityEverywhere.org, or call me at 301-325-6976. I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing Amelia Earhart in National Statuary Hall.

Sincerely,

Lynette Long, Ph.D.
Equal Visibility Everywhere