

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Appropriations

SB 472 — National Statuary Hall

by Senators Thurston, Book, Taddeo, Farmer, Rodriguez, Gibson, Torres, and Campbell

The bill requests the Joint Committee of the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Mary McLeod Bethune. The bill states that it is the “official request” to the Joint Committee pursuant to federal law, and requires the Department of State to deliver a copy of the bill to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Joint Committee, and each member of the Florida Congressional delegation.

The Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State must take possession of the statue of General Smith when it is returned to the state pursuant to federal law, and the division must make the statue available for public display.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 111-1