

VDHR Historical Marker Proposal

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OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Background

May of 2022, the Knocking Down Walls Team began original research on the court cases decided by Judge John Paul in Harrisonburg's Federal Courthouse

- *Allen v. Charlottesville City School Board 1956-1961*
- *Betty Ann Kilby v. Warren County School Board 1958-1959*

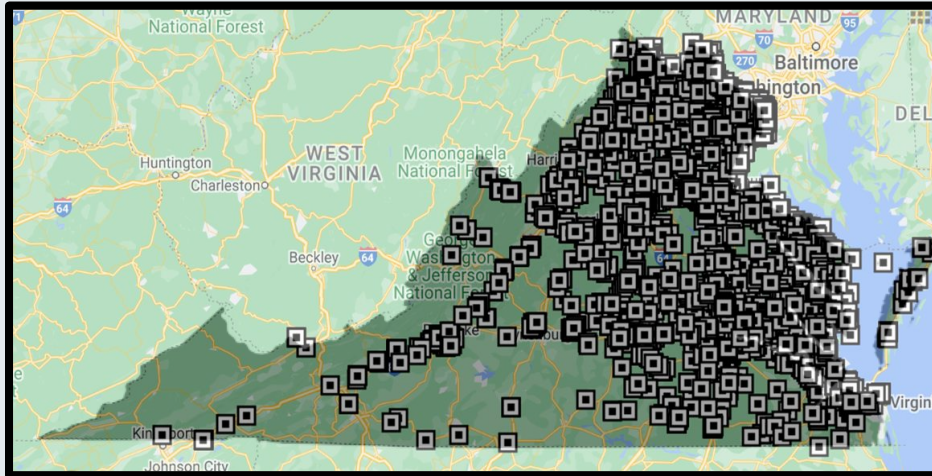


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Moving Forward

- We will submit a proposal to the VDHR by May 1st.
- If approved, text will be refined and commissioned as a historical marker.
- This process typically takes several months.



- Funding ✓
- Proposed Text ✓
- State & National Support ✓

Proposed Marker Location



Location Approval and Supporters

- Ande Banks, Harrisonburg City Manager
- The Honorable Elizabeth Dillon, United States District Judge, Western District of Virginia
- The Honorable Michael Urbanski, Chief United States District Judge, Western District of Virginia
- The Honorable Ben Cline, Congressman, 6th District of Virginia
- The Honorable Tim Kaine, Senator, Virginia



Office of Congressional and
Intergovernmental Affairs

March 26, 2024

The Honorable Ben Cline
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cline:

Thank you for your letter dated January 4, 2024, enclosing letters noting the pivotal history of Federal Judge John Paul, Jr. and his historic decisions regarding school desegregation in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The letters request authorization to place a historical marker on federal property at the United States Courthouse in Harrisonburg, Virginia, memorializing the same.

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is in agreement with your request. Consequently, GSA will contact the City of Harrisonburg to establish an agreement on the placement and maintenance of a historical marker on the courthouse property.

THANK YOU!

Questions?