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Dr. Norman H. Winfrey,  
State Librarian,  
Austin, Texas.

Mural and Mirabeau B. Lamar.

Dear Dr. Winfrey:-

Can it be possible that the man who emphasized education and learning among the early Texas leaders, Mirabeau B. Lamar, is to be left out of a mural in a LIBRARY, while a whiskey drinking, knife wielding Jim Bowie, and other men more celebrated as politicians than as men of learning were selected by an outsider?

My grandmother's brother, Mirabeau B. Lamar, never had the press agents enjoyed by some others, but he is the one who selected the ideal place for our capital city, and he it was who urged the Republic to provide for the education of its children; who got recognition of the ~~new~~ Republic by foreign powers. He fought for Texas at San Jacinto, and for the U.S. and Texas in the Mexican war. Swashuckling Sam tried to bury him, but the fine schools over Texas keep reminding us of the Georgian gentleman, who wanted to bring culture to Texas.

I hope Stanley Banks will heed the protests of the patriotic Daughters of the Republic, and I am sorry that the Sons of the Republic are silent. I hope those who can change this will do so.

Sincerely,

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