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# HONOR GENERAL LEE'S DYING WISHES CHANGE THE NAME

## RENAME ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL

### Change Tyler Robert E Lee High School's Name - Help Heal Our Racial Divide

This petition had 528 supporters



[DG Montalvo](#) started this petition to Tyler ISD School Board

#### IT'S A GREAT SCHOOL BUT IT CAN BE EVEN BETTER!

##### Change The Name.

Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler, Texas opened its doors in 1958 and has become a prominent 6A taxpayer funded learning institution. The school has an excellent academic record and has produced notable graduates that have experienced achievements in medicine, business, academics, athletics and countless other fields.

The school is genuinely loved by its community, its current students and graduates over the past 50+ years. This has all been made possible by 50 years of great leadership by teachers, coaches, administrators, taxpayers and the community at large.

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From 1958 to 1972, the school had as its mascot the Confederate Flag. In 1971, when Federal Judge William Wayne Justice ordered East Texas schools to obey integration mandates, he also stripped the school of its Confederate flag icon.

### **THIS WAS DONE TO UNITE ALL STUDENTS, BLACK, HISPANIC, & WHITE**

While the name of the school should have been changed during the order, it is never too late to right a wrong.

### **NOW IS THE TIME FOR TYLER TO CHANGE THE NAME!**

Across the United States, local and state governments are removing memorials honoring Robert E. Lee and other Confederate soldiers from taxpayer funded locations, at a rapid pace.

They are doing this to unite communities, not to erase history, they are doing this to further heal racial tensions and divides.

### **END RACIAL TENSION, HEAL THE RACIAL DIVIDE**

Changing the name of Robert E. Lee High School will communicate to everyone in Tyler that we now have the resolve and heart to overcoming the racial tension and divide in our community by doing whatever is necessary no matter the cost.

There is no more important place than our schools for communities and our students to unite. Schools are where life long lessons are learned that help form values for society and the sort of fair and just institutions we wish to have.

There is no more important place than at a public taxpayer funded school for ALL students to feel welcome, safe and to be inspired, no matter the color of their skin.

### **BY SIGNING THIS PETITION**

By signing this petition, you are supporting an initiative to encourage the elected TISD School Board to follow precedents that are now established in communities from New Orleans to Baltimore and many places in between where Confederate memorials have been and are being removed.

Most importantly, you are supporting a new and exciting chapter for this incredible high school as we rename it in hope of establishing a more perfect union among the people of our fine rose city.

For more on this perspective: [click here](#).

*"As regards the erection of a monument, my conviction is, that however grateful it would be to the feelings of the South, the attempt ... would have the effect of ... continuing, if not adding to, the difficulties under which the Southern people labour."*

**General Robert E. Lee**

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