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NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

RE: PROPOSED RENAMING OF “CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL” BUILDING IN HILLSBOROUGH, NC

The North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, is against the removal of the words “Confederate Memorial” from the Orange County Historical Museum building. The Confederate Memorial Library was named by Hillsborough’s citizens to honor the many sons of Orange County who fought for the Confederate cause in the War Between the States. The words should remain not only as a memorial to Confederate veterans but as a part of Hillsborough’s rich history.

As an organization, we are opposed to any attempt to remove and destroy the legacy that our Confederate ancestors fought so courageously to earn. It is misguided policy to continue the popular trend of renaming buildings, removing monuments, and erasing the past to soothe the forces of political correctness. Sanitizing history and selecting which items to keep and throw away are dangerous practices. In Hillsborough, where every street and building bears a name from the past, it is hard to imagine where this exercise would stop once started. Just as the history of all other groups in Hillsborough’s past is observed and interpreted, we should also observe the history of Hillsborough’s Confederates and those who remembered them by dedicating the building in 1934.

We call upon Hillsborough’s Board of Commissioners to vote against the request and preserve a valuable piece of the town’s past.