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Mayor Mike Rawlings
City of Dallas
Mayor and City Council City of Dallas
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Dear Hon. Rawlings:

I brought to the attention of the Task Force two Confederate monuments in Oak Lawn. I don't see any reference to them in the Task Force on Confederate monuments final report. I enclose the information which I gave them.

The whole claim of "Black Confederate soldiers" is a laughingstock in Civil War historical circles and among historians in general.

If we are going to go through the process of de-Confederating the city of Dallas I think we need to do a complete job.

Also, the retention of a "Black Confederate soldier" marker will make Dallas a laughingstock as a city that has such a monument and which can't seem to really engage on the issues of race.

I hope you have these monuments removed. The fact that they use circumlocutions is no excuse for their retention.

Sincerely Yours,

Edward H. Sebesta

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