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Commissioner Kiker,

It has been recently reported in the news that the local chapter of the NAACP operating in Lee County requested that the board of County Commissioners remove the portrait of General Robert E. Lee that has been in place since 1929 because they feel it is racist and causing division in Lee County. In the past several years the NAACP and other Black activists working with liberal organizations have worked tirelessly to erase our southern heritage, history, and culture. Recent examples include changes at the Vicksburg Battlefield site in Mississippi, the renaming of three parks originally named for the confederacy in Memphis Tennessee, and the removal of the Confederate Battle flags from other Confederate sites like Ft. Davidson in Pilot Knob Missouri.

Organizations like the NAACP will always cry racism if they cannot get their way because they know it is a useful tool in accomplishing their agenda. You have stated that you do not know much about the history involved and welcome thoughtful conversation about it so I have included a brief history of General Robert E. Lee:

“General Robert E. Lee” was the commander of the Confederate army during the American Civil War (1861–1865). He was born in Stratford, Virginia, on January 19, 1807. His father was known as “Light Horse Harry Lee” a Revolutionary War hero. Robert E. Lee graduated second in his class at West Point, earning no demerits for discipline infractions during his years there. His motto was known to be **“Duty, Honor, Country”**. Robert E. Lee’s first military action after West Point was in 1845, in the war with Mexico. General Lee also worked as an army engineer prior to the Civil War. He helped build the waterfront in St Louis and coastal forts in Savannah and Brunswick Georgia. He was also appointed Superintendent of West Point in 1852 and is considered one of the best Superintendents in their history.

Additionally I have included his personal thoughts concerning slavery found on the website (WWW.sonofthesouth.net);

Robert E. Lee letter dated December 27, 1856:

I was much pleased the with President's message. His views of the systematic and progressive efforts of certain people at the North to interfere with and change the domestic institutions of the South are truthfully and faithfully expressed. The consequences of their plans and purposes are also clearly set forth. These people must be aware that their object is both unlawful and foreign to them and to their duty, and that this institution, for which they are irresponsible and non-accountable, can only be changed by them through the agency of a civil and servile war. There are few, I believe, in this enlightened age, who will not acknowledge that slavery as an institution is a moral and political evil. It is idle to expatiate on its disadvantages. I think it is a greater evil to the white than to the colored race. While my feelings are strongly enlisted in behalf of the latter, my sympathies are more deeply engaged for the former. The blacks are immeasurably better off here than in Africa, morally, physically, and socially. The painful discipline they are undergoing is necessary for their further instruction as a race, and will prepare them, I hope, for better things. How long their servitude may be necessary is known and ordered by a merciful Providence. Their emancipation will sooner result from the mild and melting influences of Christianity than from the storm and tempest of fiery controversy. This influence, though slow, is sure. The doctrines and miracles of our Savior have required nearly two thousand years to convert but a small portion of the human race, and even among Christian nations what gross errors still exist! While we see the course of the final abolition of human slavery is still onward, and give it the aid of our prayers, let us leave the progress as well as the results in the hands of Him who, chooses to work by slow influences, and with whom a thousand years are but as a single day. Although the abolitionist must know this, must know that he has neither the right not the power of operating, except by moral means; that to benefit the slave he must not excite angry feelings in the master; that, although he may not approve the mode by which Providence accomplishes its purpose, the results will be the same; and that the reason he gives for interference in matters he has no concern with, holds good for every kind of interference with our neighbor, -still, I fear he will persevere in his evil course. Is it not strange that the descendants of those Pilgrim Fathers who crossed the Atlantic to preserve their own freedom have always proved the most intolerant of the spiritual liberty of others?

It should also be pointed out that General Lee declined to fight for the Union because he could not bear the thoughts of raising his hand against his relatives, his children or his home not because he believed in slavery, a difficult decision that any honorable man would make from a time when honor was a serious subject. As you can see based on the historical facts the claims of racism made by the local NAACP have no basis in fact which obviously exposes their true agenda "the successful erasing our southern history, heritage and culture". We are asking you to please ignore the political correct rhetoric and ranting of this group and stand up for our history and heritage by leaving the portrait of this great American in place for future generations to enjoy,

Please feel free to use any portion of this letter that you wish to expose the truth of this matter and to also make your case while educating those who may not know the true history of this great man.

God Bless,

Sincerely,

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