

## HERMITAGE ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON THE AP HILL MONUMENT

The Hermitage Road Historic District Association stands for justice and equality for all people. We are compelled to take action in support of this belief. Our Association and its Executive Board support the removal of the AP Hill Monument and the remains of General Hill interred therein.

We concur with the Monument Avenue Preservation Society that “we have overlooked the inherent racism of these monuments” and their grandeur has blinded us “to the insult of glorifying men for their role in fighting to perpetuate the inhumanity of slavery.” If there is an assumption of past silence regarding the AP Hill Monument from our neighborhood as implied acceptance, we hope this statement and our future actions prove otherwise.

We are asking that the Mayor and the City Council of Richmond create a plan to remove the monument and remains expeditiously. We understand the reinternment process may take more time, so we ask that the statue itself be removed as soon as possible.

We look forward to being a part of creating a new vision for this intersection that serves as a gateway to our historic district and other Northside neighborhoods.

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