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CITIZENS' COMMENTS
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Brief description of problem or concern:
VETERANS WAR MONUMENT

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Brief description of problem or concern:
MONUMENT

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Brief description of problem or concern:

Veterans Monument

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Brief description of problem or concern:
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GAMBLE PLANTATION PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

PRESERVING HISTORY - BRIDGING GENERATIONS - WHERE THE PAST IS PRESENT

3708 Patten Ave, Ellenton, FL 34222

December 21, 2017

Ms. Valinda Subic, Chief
Bureau of Parks, District 4
Florida Park Service
1843 S. Tamiami Trail
Osprey, FL 34229

Dear Ms. Subic:

As President of the Gamble Plantation Preservation Alliance, Inc., (GPPA) — *Citizen Support Organization for Gamble Mansion Historic State Park of Ellenton* —, this letter establishes for the record our opposition to the proposed relocation of the Bradenton Manatee Confederate Monument to the State Park.

The GPPA, Inc. board has thoroughly discussed this matter and unanimously voted **against** having the Bradenton Manatee Confederate Monument placed at the State Park for the following reasons.

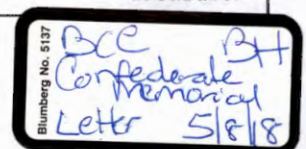
1. With the Gamble Mansion being Manatee County's oldest existing structure — *170 years old* — and one of its most valuable historic assets, it stands to reason that every precaution must be taken to ensure its safety during these perilous times.
2. The Manatee Confederate Monument was threatened with destruction by dissenters at its Bradenton location therefore relocating it to the grounds of Gamble Mansion Historic State Park will **only serve to bring the same destructive action** to the very steps of our beautiful historic plantation house.
3. With every compromise that is made, the dissenters make **more demands** with no end in sight It began with the removal of the song *Dixie*, then the removal of *Confederate Flags*, now it is our *Confederate Monuments, Markers, Obelisks, Cenotaphs, and Memorials*; next it will be *Confederate Structures*.

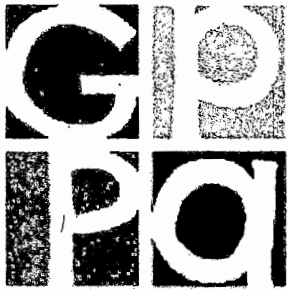
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Therefore, we — *the GPPA, Inc.* — emphatically urge you to **reject** the proposal to relocate the Bradenton Manatee Confederate Monument to the Gamble Mansion Historic State Park of Ellenton **for the justifiable reasons stated above.**

Let's stand up against this "*hysteria of racism*" and work towards restoring harmony to our communities, our cities and our State. Removing inanimate objects *does not* solve the problem of racism!

To quote a wonderful author —

"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." — *Maya Angelou*

Sincerely,

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