



## Press Release

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### **50 STATE STRATEGY DEMANDS REMOVAL OF “PRESIDENTIAL” FROM JEFFERSON DAVIS HOME**

50 State Strategy is demanding the removal of the term ‘Presidential’ from the library opening at the home of Jefferson Davis on June 3, 2013 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

"First and foremost Jefferson Davis was never a president of the United States," said Reginald Swilley of 50 State Strategies. "More importantly we should not honor a traitor and terrorist who was responsible for thousands of deaths, tried to over-throw the legitimate government of the United States and sought to establish a country based first and foremost on the enslavement of an entire race of people."

"His philosophy was firmly rejected by the sacrifice of thousands of people and any remembrance of his time on earth should incorporate a memorial to his victims and an understanding of his crimes against humanity," Nebi Alemu of 50 State Strategy added.

50 State Strategy has mailed a letter to the Bert Hayes-Davis, the great great-grandson of Jefferson Davis and executive director of Beauvoir, demanding the removal of the term ‘Presidential’ from the library scheduled to be dedicated by the Sons of the Confederacy on June 3, 2013 the anniversary of Jefferson Davis birthday.

In addition, activists who oppose slavery can sign an online petition at:  
<http://www.change.org/petitions/sons-of-the-confederacy-remove-term-presidential-from-jefferson-davis-home-in-biloxi-mississippi>

Richard Robinson of 50 State Strategy made it clear that the aim was not to abolish the historical site, but to put it into perspective.

"We do not believe in the destruction of the home or grounds," Robinson stated. "But we firmly believe that the house should incorporate the true legacy of the man who sought to split our union."

Robinson notes the irony of the dedication and building of the museum with FEMA money.

"The Sons of the Confederacy, who seek to honor the greatest traitor in the history of this country used federal taxpayer money to build their new museum after Katrina destroyed the



property" Robinson noted. "The irony of rebuilding the historical home of Jefferson Davis with federal money should not be lost on anyone."

"And using the term 'Presidential' is an affront to every American who is repulsed by the Davis philosophy, which has been relegated to the trashheap of history" he added.

In addition, 50 State Strategy is forwarding a Resolution to the National Board of the NAACP, which asks them to urge Hayes-Davis and the Sons of the Confederacy to remove the term "Presidential" from their museum.

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