

Fort Worth, Texas,

August 8th 1909.

TO THE MEMBERS OF CAMP ROBERT E. LEE, UNITED CONFEDERATE
VETERANS:

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Margaret Howell Jefferson Davis Hays, last of the family of the beloved chieftain of the soldiers and citizens of the Confederate States of America, died on the 18th day of July, 1909 at her home in the city of Colorado Springs, Colorado. She was born about fifty-five years ago at the city of Washington, while her illustrious father was secretary of War of the United States in the cabinet of President Franklin Pierce. He had added lustre and renown to the arms of his country by the skill and courage he displayed at the head of his gallant Mississippians, at Buena Vista, where they saved the day in one of the most heroic and brilliant achievements of American arms; he had adorned the Senate of the United States as a

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She whose death we to-day mourn was but a child during the frightful struggle that tested the heroic qualities of the father; every energy of his strong and unconquerable soul was directed to the achievement of the independence of the Confederate States and the triumph of his people, yet in all the struggles and terrible trials of his position as the head of the Confederacy, love and tenderness for wife and children ever ruled in his heart and added grace to his character. His high ideals of duty in all the walks of life, his pure life, and willing sacrifices in the service of his people, added to his unrelenting, intense love and care for his noble wife and their children, bound them to him in undying love that grew stronger while his life lasted, and after his death, they consecrated their lives to his memory and to cherishing the cause which was dearer to him than life.

The graces of his lofty character descended to his children and his ideals became theirs; as his name and his honor were inseparably connected with the life and honor of the Confederate States, so the guiding star of the children who survived him ~~as long as they lived~~, was that which pointed ~~to~~ to the honor and glory of the Southern cause. They were as true to the memory of that cause while they lived, as he had been in his life, and to the soldiers of the Confederacy they paid the homage of their pure hearts and were loved in turn, one as "The child of the Confederacy", the other, and her whom we now ^{mourn} ~~commemorate~~, "The daughter of the Confederacy". Proud names! and both worthy to be so called. The southern soldiers who still live, salute to-day, with reverence, the

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Impressed with the loss, which as soldiers of the armies of the South, we have sustained in the death of Mrs. Hays, and desiring in some degree to express our sorrow for her death, and also our admiration for her high character and noble qualities, therefore---

RESOLVED--That in the death of Margaret Howell Jefferson Davis Hays this Camp, and all Confederate soldiers, and the cause for which we fought and suffered, have lost a friend whose every heart throb was in sympathy with us, and to whom the honor and welfare of the Southern soldier were her highest desire.

RESOLVED-- That by her pure and upright life and her lifetime devotion to the cause of the South, she has exemplified the purity and justice of that cause, and has also honored the character and heroism of the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the soldiers who upheld that cause during four years of terrible war.

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RESOLVED-- That as soldiers of the South, and followers of the illustrious man who was our Chief Magistrate during the life of the Southern Confederacy, and who left no son to bear his name, we honor the daughter and her husband who gave to one of their sons the immortal name of Jefferson Davis-- Long may that son live to honor the name of his great ancestor, and may his guide through life be the christian, upright, just and honorable example of him whose name he bears.

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RESOLVED-- That a copy of this report and the resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and that copies be furnished to the daily press of this city and to the Dallas Morning News, with the request that the same be printed--And that the same be recorded in the minutes of this Camp.

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