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MEDIA STATEMENT ON REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE STATUES

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(December 20, 2017 – Memphis, TENN) Today history is being made with the removal of the Nathan Bedford Forrest and Jefferson Davis statues from what are now privately-owned parks. The NAACP Memphis Branch took a position early on stating that we wanted the monuments removed and a legal process followed. The Memphis City Council and Mayor Jim Strickland heard the voices of the people who wanted these removed and legally made it happen. Groups like the NAACP and #Takeemdown901 led by Tami Sawyer have been heard.

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