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Subject: Over 100 African Americans from South Carolina served in the Revolutionary War and provided civilian assistance as patriots.

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Dear Governor Haley,

At least [120 African Americans](#) of South Carolina -- men and women -- served as soldiers, sailors and in civilian capacities during the Revolutionary War. Seven are connected to the 6th Congressional District of Rep. James Clyburn. His colleague from North Carolina, Rep. G.K. Butterfield, sponsored the legislation in the House.

They will be among tens of thousands who will be honored by a memorial on the National Mall for their struggle for liberty and independence. This project began so long ago that Senator Strom Thurmond was among the cosponsors in 1985. Finally, in 2012, the bill was approved by Congress in bipartisan fashion.

I would like an opportunity to explain the project to your aides to determine ways to educate the citizens of South Carolina.

With best wishes,

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“Supporters of the National Liberty Memorial must raise at least \$6 million to fund the memorial’s design and construction.”



Barboza's mission is to raise awareness about the role of African Americans in the Revolutionary War. At least 5,000 black soldiers, and possibly as many as 10,000, fought for independence from the British.

The efforts to document the black soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War were a result of the legal battle by his

aunt, [Lena Santos Ferguson](#), to join the DAR, and the group eventually compiled a vast volume of more than 6,600 African Americans, American Indians and those of mixed heritage who supported the fight for independence, called "[Forgotten Patriots](#)."

But Barboza's mission is far from done. Supporters of the National Liberty Memorial must raise at least \$6 million to fund the memorial's design and construction.

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