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Dear Governor Haley,

Over the past few days I have frequented my Facebook page. I have logged many posts in attempts to counter the media and politically driven race bating that is enrapturing the nation, I might say unfairly.

The recent church violence in Charleston is inexcusable period. The response of the parishioners was and is exemplary, dignified and graceful. I respect your heartfelt call for the bringing down the Confederate Battle Flag to preserve it in museums, but please realize this: The memorial in and of itself is a historic artifact and represents people who were living up to the standard of the constitution in their day. The issue was eloquently balanced at Gettysburg by Abraham Lincoln, the war ended and the nation continued. I'm no worse for wear than anyone else despite the difficulties in my life.

The grace and dignity of the citizens of Charleston was immediately hijacked by political opportunists and race baitors as the President's former Chief of Staff famously said, "You should never let a crisis go to waste." While on face book I noticed that there is an enormous amount of black on white violence, black on black violence, and illegal alien on citizen violence that is being largely ignored by the press on the national level. To test my theory, go to YouTube and type in any of those terms. That being said, in trying to bring these trends to the attention of the public on social media is only as effective as will be allowed by the media. White America is getting a bad rap as being racist, but the past cannot be ignored regardless of which direction it is approached from. I will continue to do my part to ensure that the present is not hidden for political gain or for manipulating the masses of the uninformed. But now, to correct a wrong that is being used as internet fodder to incite the overblown myth of rampant racism among whites.

There was a case in S.C. where a young black boy named George Junius Stinney Jr. was convicted of murdering two white girls. The video of the account is being used as a rallying point of interest for race baitors. I find it repugnant that people would stoop that low, but I also believe that Mr. Stinney Jr. was unjustly accused, tried, convicted, and executed. If his name has not been cleared in that travesty of justice, please make it so.

Remember the name: George Junius Stinney Jr.

Thank you for hearing me out. I love America and I tired of her history being revised and erased. Being of African descent, I'm tired of Blacks misleading Blacks with lies, half-truths, and opportunistic baiting with sensational true incidents like this one.

With the lawless vandalism and trespassing on monuments even before S.C. made an act official and final real racists immediately attempted to push everyone along knowing that the issue was being addressed. I implore you, let the citizen decide if the Flag stays at the monument, and keep your monuments intact as they are now milestones, boundary markers, and evidence of our civilization/culture. Don't harm one group to appease another.

God Bless your courage and heart!

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