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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, I am pleased to welcome you to the Dedication and Unveiling Service of the Mattie Clyburn Rice Memorial.

We are proud to pay tribute to Mattie Clyburn Rice. A remarkable woman and the last known Real Daughter of Color of a Confederate Veteran, she was determined to give her father, Weary Clyburn, the recognition he deserved for his service as a volunteer in the 12th South Carolina Infantry of the Confederate States of America. Through her dedication to telling her father's story, she not only succeeded in preserving his legacy but also in making invaluable contributions to our knowledge of Southern history. Though she will be dearly missed, the positive impact she made will be an inspiration for generations to come.

Although I regret that I cannot be with you today, I wish you the best for a wonderful service and celebration of the life of Mattie Clyburn Rice. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

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