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Mayor Berke,

Jim Wade, Executive Director of the National Medal of Honor Museum of Military History, recently briefed and showed me the proposed site in Coolidge Park, which might be used to construct a new 4000+ SF building to house the new Medal Of Honor Heritage Center. I've seen the Foundation's proposed plans for the development and understand Gen (Ret) B.B. Bell will present those to you on September 25.

Mayor Berke, I support the National Medal of Honor Museum of Military History Foundation's efforts to move its museum to this place in Coolidge Park opposite the Chattanooga Little Theater on Tremont Street. This site will give the museum a prominent location in downtown Chattanooga, a place near where it was once located and where it will serve as a tourist and educational attraction.

I understand the proposed site's land in Coolidge Park is jointly owned by the City and County. I'm therefore sending a copy of this letter to Mayor Coppinger. I support the Foundation's efforts to secure the parcel at a minimal or no cost long-term lease.

On a personal note, Coolidge Park has great meaning for the Coolidge Family for my father, when he first re-located to Chattanooga in 1884, soon lived on Bluff View directly opposite Coolidge Park. He often swam the Tennessee River. The Museum also has a warm place in my heart as my wife Frances and I spent much time and effort helping get the Museum started when it was located on Georgia Avenue.

I realize these initiatives require City and County support and I respectfully request you give it your approval.

Sincerely,


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Cc: Mayor Coppinger

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