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Honorable Members of the Common Council
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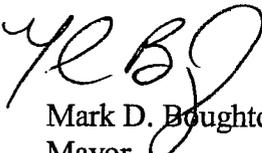
Dear Common Council Members:

I am writing to ask for your support of an important project to honor our veterans. I propose the City of Danbury erect a new Civil War monument to honor over 60 African American men from the Greater Danbury area who fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War, 1861-1865. I ask for your approval of spending \$4,000 for this monument project.

It is our hope that this monument will serve to educate the public of the important individuals who served our country during the Civil War, and to celebrate a rich African American heritage in our community with a legacy of overcoming challenges for freedom.

The monument will be constructed of India Black granite from Elberton, Georgia and will consist of an image of the Grand Army of the Republic medal and an inscription declaring the monuments purpose. The G.A.R. was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army who had served in the American Civil War. The monument will stand on land at Wooster Cemetery donated by the Danbury Cemetery Association across from the General Wooster Monument. The Danbury Cemetery Association hopes this will be the first of several monuments over the next few years honoring Civil War regiments raised in the Danbury area. A dedication ceremony is planned for the 2007 Memorial Day weekend.

Sincerely,


Mark D. Boughton
Mayor