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To the Students, Faculty and Staff of the Department of Nutrition,

We want you all to know that we endorse the Resolution passed by the UNC Chapel Hill Faculty Council, shown below, that condemns the settlement around the confederate monument. The resolution is here:

Resolution 2019-11. On the Board of Governors' Settlement Concerning the Confederate Monument.

The Faculty Council resolves:

While we continue to support the permanent removal of the confederate monument known as Silent Sam from campus, we condemn the settlement that gives the statue and \$2.5 million to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Such a settlement supports white supremacist activity and therefore violates the university's mission as well as its obligations to the state.

[As passed December 6, 2019]

https://facultygov.unc.edu/files/2019/12/FC-resolution_2019-11-passed-12.06.18.pdf

We hold tremendous value in the importance of diversity and inclusion in our department, expressed in our statement on inclusive excellence: <https://sph.unc.edu/nutr/unc-nutrition/>

We will continue to pursue a department, and a world, where diversity in all its many expressions is celebrated. Diversity and true inclusion of the broad perspectives that come with diversity is critical to our effort together as a department to achieve our mission to improve health through optimal nutrition here and around the globe.

Beth Mayer-Davis, Professor and Chair

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