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## Letter to the Editor

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To whom it may concern:

I currently reside in Richmond, Virginia—a small, but ever growing metropolis of a city deep in Civil War history and rich in Southern culture. There are many historical places to visit in Richmond, as well as the rest of the country, protected and preserved places for future generations to see and learn from. These include presidential homes, churches, and battlefields. There are also numerous locations quickly falling into disrepair that are in danger of possibly being lost to history for good. I fear that some of the most overlooked places in need of protection are those containing cemeteries—especially cemeteries that have never been acknowledged as historical landmarks nor contain someone of credible note to today’s generation.

At some point in everyone’s life, they will encounter a cemetery. They might be attending the funeral of a family member or friend or perhaps simply visiting one to acknowledge someone of historical importance. Losing a loved one or a prestigious figure takes its toll and inevitably leaves one with a sense of loss, even if not acknowledged immediately. Having a place to remember, memorialize, and visit is a great comfort to those in mourning. As human beings possess the universal desire to be remembered after their mortal life, cemeteries provide places for others to investigate them and learn about their lives, long after they have passed on. It is for this reason that cemeteries should be preserved for all eternity.

Sincerely,  
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