Do we want a state to remember history?

History in itself is not offensive. Does having a state remember history?

But do we need a memorial honoring those who fought for the preservation of the institution of slavery in order to not repeat that dark, brutal, traumatic history?

PAUL STRONG
North Austin Avenue

A thanks to Georgetown volunteers and donors

I am writing to thank Georgetown area residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan’s Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2023. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes — packed with fun, schools, supplies and hygiene — Georgetown area residents brought joy to children around the world. Each hand-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God’s love, and it is often the first gift these children receive.

Through the continued generosity of donors, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 500 million gift-filled shoebox gifts to children in need in more than 180 countries and territories.

This year, Samaritan’s Purse delivered its milestone 10 millionth shoebox, which worked and worked through 12-hour shifts to process each hand-filled shoebox, then hand-delivered to a young girl in Uganda.

Across Texas, shoebox packers often struggle during holiday seasons due to long work days and the winter; and many serve at a deeper level by creating volunteer opportunities. Information about ways area residents can get involved can also be found at samaritanspurse.org or by calling 1-800-999-5253.

Although local drop-off locations for gifts are closed this year until November 13, anyone can still be part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online at just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/build. These build-a

LIZETTE MILLER
Bryan, North Carolina

I am a volunteer in the Mushroom Committee for Operation Christmas Child with members of PackOuters’ Peninsula.

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