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Congressional Cemetery Association

Dear Friend of the Congressional Cemetery,

Your help is greatly needed on this special occasion. The severe storm of June 27 visited utter devastation on the Cemetery. We had just completed an extensive tree pruning and removal program involving more than 18 trees and at a cost of \$1,800. When the storm struck many trees were completely destroyed and numerous tree limbs from good trees were broken and shredded. The roof of our office, windows, chimney and the gutter of our residence on the premises were seriously damaged. Happily these items were covered by insurance, but not the trees.

In addition the heavy, frequent rains of recent weeks have resulted in abnormal, almost unprecedented, growth of the grass, making it virtually impossible for our present crew to keep up with its care. As a result we have been compelled to retain a special contractor to cut the entire Cemetery at a one time cost of \$4,200.

Our normal requirements severely tax our limited resources, approximately \$10,500 a year from our trust fund, plus contributions, but this unexpected expense resulting from the storm and the growth of the grass has simply far surpassed our capacity to keep up with the work.

It is for the above reasons that we come to you on this special occasion to ask you help in meeting the cost of re-pruning the trees and disposing of the debris, approximately \$2,000, and our additional cost of grass cutting, \$4,200. Your special gift will help us to do the job.

Francis W. Kraemer, Jr., Director of Cemetery