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Granddaughter of Infamous Washington Team Owner Calls for Team to Change Its Name

Descendant of segregationist George Preston Marshall, who gave the Washington team its current name, demands a change

ONEIDA NATION HOMELANDS (NY) (July 18, 2014) The Change the Mascot campaign today lauded the granddaughter of famed Washington football team owner George Preston Marshall for publicly calling on the team to stop using a racial slur as its name. Marshall, an infamous segregationist, originally gave the team the name. But Marshall's granddaughter, Jordan Wright, this week told a Virginia media outlet that the team must stop using the slur used by her grandfather.

"They need to change the name," she told Leesburg Today. "In this day and age, it's just not right."

The Change the Mascot campaign issued the following statement in response:

"We applaud Ms. Wright for speaking out and calling for a change. She could have remained silent, but instead chose to publicly repudiate her grandfather's legacy and stand on the right side of history. This is yet another wake up call to the NFL. When even the kin of the owner who

gave the Washington team its name is now demanding a change, it is yet another sign that the team's current ownership is standing on the wrong side of history. As Ms. Wright said: they need to change the name."

Find the Leesburg Today article with Wright's comments here:

http://www.leesburgtoday.com/opinion/letters/op-ed-marshalling-one-key-vote-on-an-nfl-team/article_63e3d83c-0d0b-11e4-bfee-001a4bcf887a.html

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