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The Charleston Post and Courier discusses "Haley's fondest farewell."

During her seventh and final State of the State address Wednesday, S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley reflected on some of the most significant achievements made during her tenure — new jobs, new industry, fiscal caution, ethics reform and a heightened focus on public education.

Certainly she deserves credit for those accomplishments and for dealing effectively with several crises that could have been much worse without her able leadership, including the shooting deaths at Emanuel AME Church, floods and winter storms, a hurricane and a state divided over the Confederate flag. And she did so with grace and strength.

Gov. Haley, who is expected to become the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. as selected by President-elect Donald Trump, will step down should that happen and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will become governor. He will have a lot to do to continue her initiatives and fill in some gaps.

The main theme of her goodbye speech was that she loves South Carolina and its people and that they are the real reason for the state's successes. It seems that South Carolina residents appreciate her, too, and with good reason.

She has made a real difference in South Carolina and in doing so, she has made her state proud.

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Sen. Thomas McElveen of Sumter did a superb job Wednesday night in the Democratic response to Gov. Haley's State of the State address. Here are some excerpts:

We know all too well what needs to be done in South Carolina to ensure future prosperity and competitiveness in a global economy. We know what our responsibilities are to the working men and women of this state, to their families, and to the next generation of South Carolinians. For too long we have failed to summon the will and the courage to work together to turn our challenges into opportunities by fixing what's broken in our state.

The people of our state deserve branches of government that are committed to working together to make every day challenges easier for every day South Carolinians. It's time for all of us to put those folks first - before partisan rhetoric, before partisan politics, before partisan bickering, and before self-preservation. It's time for us to do what's right, and to do it with a sense of urgency that our leaders have failed to execute for well over a decade.

First and foremost, the people of South Carolina demand honesty and integrity from the public officials who have been given the public's trust to solve our biggest challenges and to move this state in the right direction. What they don't deserve is a cloud of corruption charges and far too many instances where public trust has been violated in exchange for personal gain among the people who are charged with running this state. It's a cloud that we must shake in order to re-

store the people's trust in our state government.

In what has too often been a vitriolic political climate in our country — and even in our state at times — we have proven that we are capable of setting a different tone in

South Carolina, and now we must continue in that same vein. We have achieved our greatest successes when we have worked together, and our greatest successes have come when we've had leadership focused on good results for our state combined with the will to collaborate. I believe that's what our fellow South Carolinians want, and it's what they deserve from us.

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In "The Trump Russia Files," Dan Henninger of The Wall Street Journal writes, "The president-elect's interregnum turns into a media circus damaging everyone."

A standard journalistic defense for publishing, or reporting on, the sort of thing BuzzFeed put on the web Tuesday night about Donald Trump's alleged compromise by the Russians is that "the people" ultimately will sort it all out. You could say the same thing about tornadoes.

Conventional wisdom after the election held that the media had been chastened by its coverage of the campaign, that it had learned to be more careful about separating facts from the media bubble.

The past week's news, if one still can call it that, was book-ended by two Trump files. The first was the intelligence community report that Russia's hack of the presidential election favored Mr. Trump. The second was a salacious opposition-research file on Mr. Trump published by BuzzFeed, which says it is about "trending buzz." Below the site's Trump-in-Russia stories Wednesday sat, "Lauren Conrad Just Posted The Most Adorable Photo Of Her Baby Bump."

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cus, damaging the reputation and public standing of everyone performing in it, including Donald Trump.

Trumpians will resist that thought, but they should be concerned at their diminishing numbers. Quinnipiac's poll this week puts Mr. Trump's approval rating at 37%. Building in even an expansive margin for error, this is an astonishing low for a

president-elect.

Mr. Trump routinely mocks the "dishonest media." He has a point, but dishonesty isn't the problem. The internet, media's addictive drug, is the problem. Whatever publication standards existed before the web are eroding.

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The state's high court on Wednesday accepted Sen. Tom Davis' request to take the case directly. Justices will hear arguments next Wednesday afternoon — the same day Haley's confirmation process begins.

Davis says the ruling means justices are "determined not to leave us without a road map when the vacancy occurs." The Beaufort Republican asked them last month to settle a discrepancy on whether a constitutional amendment changing the lines of succession is in effect.

If it is, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster could pick his replacement, allowing Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman to easily keep his powerful leadership post.

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In his response, McElveen said state leaders are aware of the state's most pressing problems, but he said that partisanship needed to be put aside so solutions can be reached.

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McElveen

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McElveen called the state's transportation system the biggest long-term problem the state faces.

"It's the issue that everyone is aware of, but also the task that's been long ignored and denied the attention and the effort that it demands," he said.

"We must solve this problem in a manner that not only restores the highways and roads that lead to our larger cities and urban areas, but in a way that also lends the same support to the rural communities," McElveen said.

McElveen compared the state's infrastructure problems to a leaky roof.

"Repairing a leaking roof today is a much less expensive fix than the dam-

age to your house, which will occur when the problem is put off," he said. "The same is true of South Carolina roadways in all parts of our state."

The problem will only grow worse unless it is adequately addressed, he said, and he called on the General Assembly and the new governor to find a stream of revenue dedicated to restoring, improving and maintaining the state's infrastructure.

"Our reputation as a wonderful place to do business will inevitably rise or fall in proportion to our willingness to take care of our infrastructure," McElveen said.

The Sumter senator credited the General Assembly for creating better educational outcomes through investments in 4-K early childhood programs, but said much more had to be done.

"Our State Supreme Court ruled that

we must come up with a more equitable manner of supporting public education so that a child living anywhere in South Carolina doesn't immediately find herself disadvantaged when it comes to access to educational opportunities just because of where she was born and raised," McElveen said.

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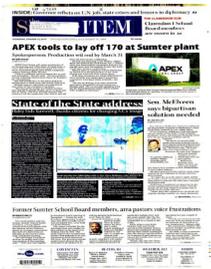
State Democratic Party Chair Jaime Harrison called McElveen, who is beginning his second four-year term, an "exemplary public servant who has earned the support and trust of his constituents."

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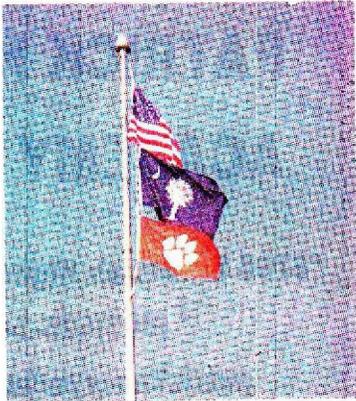


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Catoe awarded Order of the Palmetto

ROBERT MONNIE

Staff Reporter

Thomas Wayne “Tommy” Catoe of Jefferson was awarded the Order of the Palmetto on Tuesday, Jan. 3, during the annual dinner of the Sandhills Volunteer Fire Department, an organization in which he has served for 35 years, including the last 18 years as fire chief.

The Order of the Palmetto is the state’s highest civilian honor and is authorized by the governor to recognize citizens of South Carolina for extraordinary lifetime service and achievements of national or statewide significance.

“On behalf of Gov. Nikki Haley, it is indeed a pleasure and an honor to present the Order of Palmetto to Tommy Catoe,” said State Rep. Jay Lucas (R-Hartsville), whose

constituency includes the Jefferson area.

“From the bottom of my heart, I really appreciate this award,” said Catoe. “And I am accepting this award to honor the memory of my grandson, Bladen Davis Cail.”

Catoe’s grandson passed away last year in an incident that involved a call-out to Medshore, the county EMS provider, which Catoe overheard on his radio and immediately responded to.

In addition to preventing casualties and minimizing property damage, Catoe, while fire chief, implemented actions that lowered the fire department’s ISO rating, which significantly decreased insurance premiums

for home and business owners. Since 1998, SHVFD has expanded from two stations to five stations and enables these first responders to be within five miles of all residences and businesses.

This expansion increased the fire truck fleet from four to 16 vehicles, putting two fully equipped trucks at each station and specialty trucks such as brush units and water carriers at the base station.

A lifelong resident of Jefferson and a 1979 graduate of Central High School, Catoe, who works as a full-time maintenance employee for his home town, is also the volunteer director of the Jefferson Recreation Department, where he has donated his time for a quarter century. He manages the Dixie

Youth program for all sports.

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Tommy Catoe of Jefferson was awarded the Order of the Palmetto on Tuesday, Jan. 3, during the annual dinner of the Sandhills Volunteer Fire Department, an organization in which he has served for 35 years. Pictured from left are S.C. Rep. Richie Yow, Catoe and S.C. Rep. Jay Lucas.