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Haley confident Tigers, Gamecocks will make South Carolina proud

COLUMBIA, S.C. – As what The State newspaper called “[banner years](#)” for the Clemson Tigers and South Carolina Gamecocks come to an end, and the schools’ football teams prepare for the Discover Orange Bowl and Capital One Bowl, Governor Nikki Haley today placed friendly wagers with her colleagues in West Virginia and Nebraska on both bowl games.

“It’s been an exciting year for the Clemson Tigers and Carolina Gamecocks,” said Gov. Haley. “As both teams prepare to represent South Carolina on college football’s biggest stage, we take pride in what they have accomplished and in the values of hard work and determination they have come to embody. We couldn’t be more confident to put Lowcountry shrimp and grits on the line because we know the Tigers and Gamecocks are going to make us proud.”

West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, who is cheering on the West Virginia Mountaineers in the Discover Orange Bowl, put a basket of goodies representing West Virginia’s unique heritage and talents on the line.

“The only thing I look forward to more than the excitement of cheering the Mountaineers on to victory at the Discover Orange Bowl will be enjoying the fine South Carolina culinary treats I will receive, courtesy of Gov. Haley,” Gov. Tomblin said.

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman, who is cheering on the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the Capital One Bowl, put Omaha Steaks on the line.

“It will be an exciting bowl game,” Gov. Heineman said. “In a defensive struggle, the Blackshirts will prevail. I’m looking forward to sharing shrimp and grits with friends.”

The Discover Orange Bowl is scheduled for 8:00 PM EST on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 in Miami, Florida. The Capital One Bowl will be played on Monday, January 2, 2012 in Orlando, Florida at 1:00 PM EST.

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