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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, I am pleased to congratulate the German Friendly Society as you celebrate your 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

It's a great day in South Carolina when we can recognize an organization like the German Friendly Society for reaching such a significant milestone! Since its founding in 1766, the society has played an integral role in the success of our German-American citizens and our state's relationship with Germany. Just as the society continues to uphold its dedication to *Industry, Justice, and Charity*, the Palmetto State remains committed to working with Germany to secure a strong, prosperous partnership for generations to come.

I would also like to give a special welcome to Ambassador Wittig and Consul General Ruenger. We thank you for your service and leadership, and we look forward to many more opportunities to host you in the future.

Michael and I hope you all enjoy a wonderful evening. The German Friendly Society has certainly accomplished much worth celebrating over the last 250 years, and we wish you the best in your efforts going forward. Congratulations again and God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikki", written over the printed name.

Nikki R. Haley

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