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Dear Remy,

Thank you for writing. I love to hear from students! I appreciate your interest in South Carolina and am happy to answer your questions.

My husband Michael and I have two children, Rena (17) and Nalin (14). Our state bird is the Carolina Wren, which is also found all over South Carolina. It is a small bird with a reddish-brown body, black tail, and a conspicuous white stripe over the eyes. The song of the wren sounds like "tea-ket-tle, tea-ket-tle, tea-ket-tle" and may be heard year-round, day and night, and in all kinds of weather. We got our nickname, the Palmetto State, from the palmetto tree. The palmetto's significance to South Carolina dates back to the Revolutionary War, and it also appears on our state flag. To learn more about South Carolina, I encourage you to visit [www.sciway.net](http://www.sciway.net), [www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov), and [www.discoversouthcarolina.com](http://www.discoversouthcarolina.com).

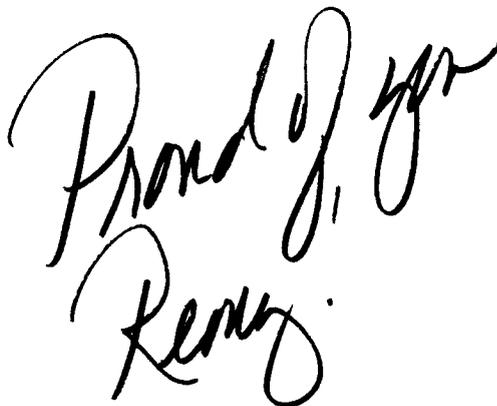
Thanks again for your letter. Keep up the good work, and I hope you will have a chance to visit in the future! God bless.

My very best,

  
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Enclosures

  
Proud of you  
Remy



Remy,  
God Bless  
Michelle Gales