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Subject: Press Event: Teacher Appreciation Month Proclamation
Location: 1st Floor Lobby, Statehouse
When: 4/23/2015 9:30:00 AM - 10:00:00 AM

APPROVED BY: NH on 3/5

INVITED BY: Trip Dubard, SC Future Minds

EVENT: Press Event: Teacher Appreciation Month Proclamation

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2015

TIME: 9:30 AM

LOCATION: 1st Floor Lobby, Statehouse

LOCATION SET-UP: Flag, podium, backdrop

ON-SITE LOCATION CONTACT: Internal.

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PURPOSE: The Governor will read a proclamation declaring May as Teacher Appreciation Month in South Carolina. During the press conference, the 2016 Teacher of the Year and the Dickerson Community Service Award will be announced.

PRESS: Yes.

PUBLIC: Yes.

ATTENDEES: All district teachers of the year will be there, as well as the newly announced 2016 Teacher of the Year, the finalists and the winner of the Charles Dickerson Community Service Award.

INTRODUCED BY: Trip Dubard, SC Future Minds

LENGTH OF SPEAKING: 3-5 mins

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

9:30 AM: Trip opens press conference. (Gov. Haley, Molly Spearman, new SC TOY Suzanne Koty,

finalists, Dickerson winner, Mueller's and Bojangles' rep and any lawmaker joins at front)
9:33 AM: Molly congratulates new TOY, talks about importance of thanking teachers
9:36 AM: Mueller's, sponsor of the teachers' Statehouse visit, talk about their Spaghetti Night program, if desired.
9:39 AM: Bojangles CEO Clifton Rutledge talks about Bojangles' commitment and involvement
9:42 AM: Gov. Haley declares May Teacher Appreciation Month
9:45 AM: Q&A with media, pictures with teachers, etc.
10:00 AM: Press conference concludes

2015 SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

- Suzanne Koty
- Sumter High School English and Theory of Knowledge teacher
- Worked as a medical assistant, but found her passion for teaching once she became a substitute in Sumter County.
- She National Board Certified
- Suzanne says she's looking forward to being an ambassador for education in our state.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:

- I'm so excited to be here with Trip Dubard of SC Future Minds and Superintendent Spearman – two of the most dedicated advocates for teachers in the state.
- We're here today to make sure every teacher in South Carolina knows how much we all appreciate them for the hard work and time they put into educating our children each and every day.
- Every single teacher is worthy of praise, but the Teacher of the Year award is something special that we like to do every year to recognize those that go above and beyond in the classroom.
- So I couldn't be happier to see all of the district teachers of the year here with us and thank them for all that they do.
- And none of this would be possible without the sponsorship of Bojangles, so I would like to thank their CEO, Clifton Rutledge, for the company's commitment to the education of our young people.
- Over the course of the year, the company will donate nearly 3,000 books in honor of the District Teachers of the Year.
- Since 2010, Bojangles has donated more than 15,000 books to South Carolina public schools and raised more than \$95,000 in support of a better learning experience for the state's public school students.
- Congratulations to the teacher of the year winner and the Dickerson Community Service Award winner
- **With that, I'm excited to announce May as Teacher Appreciation Month in South Carolina!**

PROCLAMATION TEXT

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina's teachers are dedicated to providing quality educational opportunities to all students; and
- WHEREAS,** serving as educators, coaches, motivators, and mentors, teachers help equip students with skills essential to their future success; and
- WHEREAS,** teachers strengthen our communities by laying the foundation for a lifetime of good citizenship; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2015 observance of Teacher Appreciation Month offers an opportunity to acknowledge teachers and the important role they play in shaping the future of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby
proclaim May 2015 as

TEACHER APPRECIATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the contributions and
positive impact of teachers in the Palmetto State.