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# NIKKI R. HALEY

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**In Case You Missed It:**

## **State Manufacturers Honor Governor Haley**

From [Spartanburg Herald Journal](#)

*State manufacturers honor governor, former textile leader*  
*Felicia Kitzmiller*  
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"Gov. Nikki Haley was recognized as one of two recipients of the Roger Milliken Defender of Manufacturing Award at the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance awards dinner Thursday night.

"She accepted the honor in a Spartanburg Marriott banquet hall filled with many of the state's manufacturing leaders. Jerry Beasley, the former executive vice president of the S.C. Textile Association, was the other recipient. Beasley died on Oct. 1, and the award was accepted on his behalf by his wife, Ann.

"It's a unique time when we're seeing a resurgence in manufacturing,' Alliance Chairman Mikee Johnson said at the beginning of the night. 'As I walked around and talked to people, everyone's busy.' ...

"Johnson said Haley earned the award for her efforts to enhance South Carolina's business climate, which has resulted in the announcement of 26,000 jobs in the manufacturing sector during her tenure.

"Since taking office, Nikki has championed all things manufacturing,' Johnson said. 'She has fundamentally changed the outlook of South Carolina.'

"Haley said she was honored to receive her award on the same night as Beasley, and one in memory of Milliken. During her gubernatorial campaign, Haley said Milliken reminded her to 'make everyone proud.'

"I can put this in the office and remember that I need to make people proud,' she said.

"While she's happy with the growth South Carolina has seen during her tenure, Haley said much of the credit belongs to the industry leaders who chose to honor her with the award.

"All the success we've had in South Carolina is because of Team South Carolina. Don't ever forget that,' she said. 'When (new business) comes in, everyone in this room wraps their arms around them. You have

no idea how that helps me sell this state.’”

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