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Governor Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendelton Street
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Dear Governor Haley:

To have been awarded the Order of the Palmetto the opening weekend of Gaillard's rebirth was for me icing on the cake. Your kind letter and the award itself were both totally unexpected but deeply appreciated.

As a former Charlestonian and South Carolinian, I was indeed touched to have such notice taken of our efforts to provide a beautiful building for the people of the Tri-County area. The new Gaillard replaced a building that may have been useful in the 1960's but was totally out-of-date in 2015. The people served by the earlier building simply deserved better than the one that was available. I am delighted that the Gaillard Foundation was able to partner with Mayor Joe Riley and the City Council to bring this sparkling new facility to the people of South Carolina who will henceforth experience the arts in ways that was never before possible.

Thanks again for the recognition; it makes me forget that I have been away from South Carolina for over 50 years.

Sincerely,



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cc: Charles Way
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