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## Looking Back - Moving Forward

Dear Friends:

I trust you set aside part of this special day to honor our veterans and give them the recognition they so richly deserve. They are our heroes who have distinguish themselves for their dedication, sacrifice, courage, brave deeds and noble qualities.

### **Aiken Tribute**

It was my privilege to once again address the Veterans Day ceremony sponsored by the James L. Hammonds Marine Corps League Detachment at Aiken's Veterans Memorial Park

their lives. It is not in the nature of America's warriors to complain. Warriors endure. Warriors make do with less. Warriors finish the job, no matter how hard, no matter what is asked. Today, we showed our love and respect.

**Another  
Legislative  
Session  
Just Ahead**

Last  
evening, I  
joined other  
Aiken

County House Members in taking the oath of  
office to be a Representative in the South  
Carolina General Assembly. The swearing in

took place during our Legislative Delegation  
meeting in  
the North  
Augusta  
Government  
Complex.

I am truly  
honored  
and

humbled to be trusted with the responsibility of

## Chairman

Sen. Tom Young (R-Aiken) was elected Chairman of the Aiken County Legislative Delegation during last evening's meeting. Tom replaces Rep. Roland Smith who held that position for 18 years. Roland retired from the legislature after serving in the General Assembly for 26 years.

### Election Perspective

Much has been written this past week about Republicans capturing the U.S. Senate and increasing their majority in the U.S. House. We can only hope the shift in Congressional power will bring about constructive governance with a President willing to compromise. As my grandma was fond of saying, *"Proof's in the puddin'."*

Realistically, real change may be more evident at the state level. Republicans claimed 31 governors' mansions. Most remarkably those included three BIG BLUES: Illinois, Maryland, and Massachusetts. Republicans also gained new majorities in the West Virginia House, Nevada Assembly and Senate, New Hampshire House, Minnesota House, and New York Senate.

In South Carolina, Democrats' goal was to increase their membership in the House from 46 to 50. The Democrats challenge was met head on and thwarted. House Republicans maintained their solid majority with 78 seats compared to the Democrats 46.

**What do  
the  
Election  
results  
mean to  
States?**

*continue pushing for income tax cuts, free-market welfare reforms, and a pro-energy agenda - including supporting domestic energy production and the roll back of renewable mandates."*

The election is over; it's time to get down to improving government at all levels and to produce legislative action to make South Carolina an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

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Thank you for the privilege of serving you in House District 86. If I can be of assistance to you, or if you have ideas on issues you want me to share with the rest of the General Assembly, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In your Service,

Photo of the Week

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In my campaign to curtail 'political sign pollution', I did my part. The day following the Election we retrieved all my campaign signs. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped pull the signs near polling places and a special thanks to my pal, Roy Stone, who took down all the BIG signs.

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