

**The Reverend Jacqueline Connelly, Pastor
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South Carolina State Senate
State House
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Members of the South Carolina State Senate:

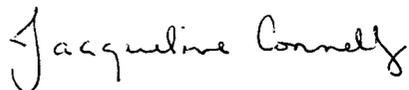
I am writing to recommend Mr. Bill Kinney, Jr. for reappointment to the South Carolina Archives and History Commission. It has been my privilege to know Mr. Kinney as his pastor since July 2015.

Mr. Kinney is held in the highest regard by the members of our congregation and by civic leaders throughout this community. Not long ago we celebrated with him when Governor Haley awarded him the Order of the Palmetto.

Mr. Kinney's life work as owner and editor of the Herald – Advocate Newspaper is highly respected. This work kept him connected to the Marlboro County Community and kept the Marlboro County community connected to one another. Mr. Kinney has always taken an active interest in knowing and preserving the history of this community. He enjoys sharing that history in formal and informal ways with visitors and friends.

Mr. Kinney is always very thoughtful and very thorough in his work, and I strongly believe he will be a continued asset to the South Carolina Archives and History Commission.

Very Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline Connelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

The Rev. Jacqueline Connelly