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Subject: OOP: Rev. Norvel Goff
Location: J.B. Beck Recreation Center, 400 Dozier St, Georgetown, S.C.
When: 7/31/2015 6:00:00 PM - 7:00:00 PM

Advance: Bridget Wyant
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NOTE: Sabb and Cleary know that she will be attending. They do not know that she will be presenting the OOP. The Governor is on the "agenda" to speak. Haley will tell them about the OOP on the day of You can let them know the day of; the Governor would like to keep this a secret until then.

Order of the Palmetto – Reverend Dr. Norvel Goff, Sr.

DATE: Friday, July 31, 2015

TIME: 6:00 pm

EVENT: Community Banquet to honor Rev. Goff.

LOCATION: J.B. Beck Recreation Center, 400 Dozier St, Georgetown, S.C.

*Organizers are expecting as many as 400 people to attend.

<http://www.southstrandnews.com/article/20150724/GTT06/150729910>

PRIMARY CONTACT: Sen. Ronnie Sabb; 843-372-2249

Background:

- Rev. Goff is currently interim pastor at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Goff is a Presiding Elder of the 7th District AME Church in South Carolina and oversees 30 churches in the Edisto District. He was appointed to this position on November 14, 2014. He also serves as the District's Treasurer.
- He is a native of Georgetown and was an honor student and star athlete at Howard High School.
- He and his wife, Anna Marie, are the proud parents of 2 sons: Norvel Jr., Esq., and Jon-Sesrie.

Previous Work Experience:

- Pastor, Reid Chapel AME Church, Columbia, SC (10 years)
- Pastor, Baber AME Church, Rochester, NY

State Level Service:

- Member, Allen University Board of Trustees
- Adjunct Professor, Columbia International University, Columbia, SC
- South Carolina Delegate, 49th Session of the 2012 Quadrennial General Conference

Local Level Service:

- Chairman, Mayor Benjamin's Faith Coalition Subcommittee on Workforce and Investment
- Chairman, Ministerial Alliance of the Midlands
- Columbia Annual Conference Christian Education Director/Chairman, Ministerial Efficiency Board
- Richland County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
- Richland I Middle College Foundation
- W.G. Sanders Middle School Community Board

Suggested Talking Points:

- Rev. Goff was destined to be a leader. Each of you here has seen him grow in his faith and compassionate nature since his school days in this very community.
- He has been a catalyst for peace, love, and forgiveness since the tragedy at Mother Emanuel. His ability to bring together a church that was hurting had a greater impact on the people of South Carolina and has enabled our entire state to heal.
- He continues to make Georgetown, this state, and the entire country proud. He will be long remembered for his leadership in a time that would have led to a disaster in other states. South Carolina remains strong because of its great people. People like Rev. Goff.
- The Order of the Palmetto is the state's highest civilian honor that recognizes lifetime achievements and contributions to the State of South Carolina and her people. Rev. Goff embodies the spirit of this award through his selfless service and commitment to improving the lives of others and he is most deserving of this honor.