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Dedication of

Gambrell Hall

Remarks By:

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MR. GAMBRELL, CHAIRMAN GENERAL MARCHANT,
PRESIDENT PATTERSON, DISTINGUISHED PLATFORM
GUESTS AND MY MANY FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

THIS IS INDEED A RARE PRIVILEGE FOR ME TODAY.

IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO SHARE THIS PLATFORM
WITH OUR HONORED GUEST, MR. GAMBRELL, ON
THIS OCCASION.

YOU KNOW MOST OF US SPENT OUR YOUTH TALKING ABOUT
THE THINGS WE HOPED TO ACHIEVE IN OUR LIFE. OUR
HONORED GUEST BECAME THE MEASURE OF PRODUCTIVITY
WHILE YET A TEENAGER. BEFORE HIS 19TH BIRTHDAY,
HE HAD GRADUATED FROM THIS UNIVERSITY AND WAS A
PRINCIPAL AT BANNOCKBURN . . . THE FOLLOWING YEAR,
HE WAS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AT PELZER.

MR. GAMBRELL HAD THAT HIDDEN QUALITY WHICH
CALLS FOR THE "EXTRA" IN LIFE. MOST OF US TODAY
WOULD LOOK AT HIS TEENAGE ACHIEVEMENTS AS
LIFE-LONG GOALS. THIS WAS HIS LAUNCHING PAD
. . . NOT HIS RETIREMENT PAD!

IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT WHEN THE AMERICAN
EXPEDITIONARY FORCES LANDED IN FRANCE, THERE
TOO COULD BE FOUND A SOUTH CAROLINA BOY BY THE

NAME OF GAMBRELL. IT'S REFRESHING . . . EVEN IN
RETROSPECT . . . TO SEE A MAN PUT GOD AND COUNTRY
ABOVE HIS PERSONAL GOALS! THAT'S THE TRUEST TEST
OF A MAN'S FIBER.

MR. GAMBRELL RETURNED FROM THE WAR TO BECOME A
DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE FROM HARVARD WHERE HE
OBTAINED A DEGREE IN LAW.

THERE IS ONE THING CONSISTENT ABOUT GREAT MEN.

. . . SUCCESS DOESN'T COME AND GO. IT IS A
CONSTANT ATTAINMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN ALL AREAS
THAT SEPARATE GREATNESS FROM MEDIOCRACY.

WITH HARVARD DIPLOMA IN HAND, HE CROSSED THE GREAT
DIVIDE INTO GEORGIA. HE ESTABLISHED HIS FOURTH
CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY IN ATLANTA. LATER, HE FOUNDED
THE FIRM OF GAMBRELL, RUSSELL, KILLORIAN, AND
FORBES. HIS STANDARDS HAVE NEVER LOWERED . . .

HIS STRIVING HAS NEVER LESSENE . . . HIS ACCOM-
PLISHMENTS HAVE NOT DIMINISHED.

REVIEWING HIS CREDENTIALS IS LIKE READING A
CONDENSED VERSION OF WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA. HE IS
A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION,
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION,
FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN BAR
ASSOCIATION, A RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR
ASSOCIATION MEDAL FOR CONSPICUOUS SERVICE AND THE

ORGANIZER OF THE GEORGIA STATE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.

HE HAS RECEIVED HONORARY DOCTORIAL DEGREES
FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SOUTHERN
METHODIST UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL,
AND EMORY UNIVERSITY.

YES, THIS MAN IS ONE OF THE RARE BREED INDEED . .

HE STANDS TODAY AS A MEASURE FOR OTHER PEOPLE
WHO ASPIRE TO REACH THE PINNACLE.

THERE IS ONE OTHER QUALITY WHICH IS THE ULTIMATE
MEASURE OF LIFE . . THAT QUALITY WAS POETICALLY
RECORDED IN THE SCRIPTURES . . "THE GREATEST OF
THESE IS LOVE."

LIFE, WITHOUT THE ROUNDNESS OF LOVE, IS MEANINGLESS.

OUR HONORED GUEST . . . THROUGH BUSINESS . . .
THROUGH HIS FAMILY . . . THROUGH HIS ACTS OF
GENEROSITY . . . HAS SAID TO ONE AND ALL, "I STILL
HAVE TIME TO LOVE."

WHAT MEASURE OF MAN IS THAT WHO, ON TWO OCCASIONS,
HAS TAKEN FROM HIS PRIVATE WEALTH . . . A MILLION
DOLLARS . . . AND SAID HERE "GIVE THIS PORTION
BACK TO FUTURE GENERATIONS FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF
THEIR EDUCATIONS."

THIS TYPE OF PRIVATE-PUBLIC EFFORT CAN ONLY HELP
TO INSURE THAT THE PALMETTO STATE WILL CONTINUE TO
MAKE GREAT STRIDES IN OUR EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS.

PERHAPS AS YOU AND I SIT HERE TODAY THERE IS
ANOTHER E. SMYTHE GAMBRELL HURRYING HIS WAY THROUGH
THIS UNIVERSITY TO REACH A WORLD CRYING FOR ACHIEVERS
. . . A WORLD THAT LONGS FOR A MAN TO SET THE
STANDARDS HIGH . . . A FREE WORLD WHERE THE STANDARDS
ARE SET BY THE MEN AND NOT THE SYSTEM.

YES, IT IS A RARE PLEASURE FOR ME TO SHARE THIS
DAY WITH YOU. IT IS ALSO A PLEASURE TO SAY TO
MR. GAMBRELL . . . THE WORLD IS A BETTER PLACE
BECAUSE OF MEN SUCH AS YOU . . . MEN WHO COME
ALONG AT GOD'S BECKONING CALL AND DARE TO REACH
THE HEIGHTS THAT MOST OF US SCARCELY DREAM OF . . .
MR. GAMBRELL, THIS BUILDING WE DEDICATE TODAY WILL
SERVE AS A MONUMENT NOT ONLY TO THE MEMORY OF YOUR
SISTER MARY, BUT TO YOUR SUCCESSOR, YOUR GENEROSITY
AND TO YOUR LOVE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA, AND HER PEOPLE,
WE THANK YOU FOR THEM ALL..