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October 22, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor
State of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

While words have been my profession for more than 50 years, they fail me when I write to thank you for bestowing the Order of the Palmetto on me.

Marlboro County Representative Patricia Moore Henegan ably acted on your behalf on Monday afternoon, October 12, and expressed your regrets at not being able to attend the ceremony. More than 250 of our friends and colleagues from Marlboro County and all parts of South Carolina attended.

It has been my lifelong joy to find avenues of service in my hometown and county and a rare privilege to find opportunities to serve statewide and in a few ways on the national scene.

I am deeply grateful and truly humbled as a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, an honor I never considered a possibility. Thank you so much for allowing me to join others who have been fortunate to also receive this honor and for allowing me to continue to represent you on the South Carolina Archives and History Commission.

With heartfelt gratitude and warm personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

William Light Kinney, Jr.

**Order of the Palmetto
Award Ceremony
William Light (Bill) Kinney Jr.**

Monday, October 12, 2015

**The Skye
Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512
4:00 P.M.**

Robert Leland (Lee) McNiel III, Master of Ceremony

Welcome

William Light Kinney McNiel

Invocation

Margaret Jane McNiel

Award Criteria

**The Honorable Patricia Moore Henegan
Member, S.C. House of Representatives, District 54**

**Presentation of the Order of the Palmetto
Representative Patricia Moore Henegan**

Tributes

**The Honorable John Light Napier, former U.S. Congressman and Judge
The Honorable Gerald Malloy, S.C. Senator, District 29
The Honorable Douglas Jennings Jr., former member
S.C. House of Representatives, District 54
The Honorable Heath Harpe, Mayor, City of Bennettsville
Elisabeth Kinney McNiel**

Response

William Light Kinney Jr.

Closing

Robert Leland (Lee) McNiel III

**Reception Immediately Following Ceremony
Music provided by Dennis Hardison**