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**From:** Hilliard, Emzee [mailto:hilliare@musc.edu]  
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**To:** Mottel, Haley  
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Haley,

I hope you had a very Happy Easter! I'm so sad I missed you in Hilton Head!

I have a favor to ask of you, if permissible. MUSC is honoring Rep. Murrell Smith with an honorary degree for his working on transforming the delivery of healthcare in our state during our graduation ceremonies on May 16th. We host an honorary degree recipients dinner the night before the ceremonies for the honorees, and would be honored if the Governor would send a statement to be read at the dinner congratulating Rep. Smith on his award. The Gov. and Rep. Smith worked closely together to implement the Governor's plan for Rural Hospitals in 2013, which included 100% reimbursement of uninsured patients to rural hospitals to counteract the cuts they will face and transforming rural areas and ultimately our state with a strong investment at MUSC in telemedicine technology to deliver more efficient and effective care. It would not be a resolution or anything of the sort, only a brief statement with her blessings that our Board chairman can read when recognizing Rep. Smith and his family. Anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated, but I understand completely how busy you are!

You're the best, and MANY thanks!

Emzee

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