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**Gov. Nikki Haley Requests
Expedited Aid For SC Farmers
No South Carolina Farmer With "A
Viable Business Should Lose That
Business Solely Because Of This
Flood"**

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Governor Nikki Haley today requested assistance from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack in expediting crop insurance payments to South Carolina farmers whose crops were damaged by statewide flooding.

In a letter to the secretary, Gov. Haley wrote, "Unfortunately, we are continuing to receive information from farmers that the process to file and receive payment for claims is slow and cumbersome. In many cases, they are even required to harvest valueless crops at a significant expense. Accordingly, I am requesting your assistance to expedite this process and bring certainty to hundreds of small businesses across South Carolina."

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Mayor Cavanaugh honored for 30 years of service to the City of Aiken and its residents

Much has changed in Aiken over the last 30 years, but through it all, Fred Cavanaugh has remained committed to the City of Aiken and its citizens. Many of those citizens came out on Sunday afternoon to show

Cavanaugh was honored by the Aiken County Legislative Delegation with proclamations from both the House and Senate. Senators Nikki Setzler

and Tom Young were both

their gratitude and appreciation to Cavanaugh, who has served as Mayor for the last 24 years.

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Aiken Youth honor and entertain at Mayor's reception.

Lee and Fred Cavanaugh.



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on hand to present their proclamation to the Mayor with Setzler calling Cavanaugh "an incredible force." Representative Don Wells, who had served on the Aiken City Council, told the audience that he respected that "Mayor Cavanaugh has always given every citizen a chance to speak," even if that meant the City Council meetings would run late into the night. Wells was also quick to point out that the City had never had a tax millage increase during the Mayor's tenure. Representative Bill Clyburn said that the Mayor was in part responsible for many of the things people loved about Aiken.

Cavanaugh also received the Order of the Silver Crescent from Governor Nikki Haley, and Representative Bill Taylor read the letter sent by the Governor.

Mayor Cavanaugh was also honored by former Director of Public Safety Carroll Busbee, who spoke highly of Cavanaugh and his wife Lee. "Fred and Lee are two of the finest people this community has and they have done

wonders for the community." Alluding to a recent piece on the "weak mayor" system the City of Aiken has, Busbee told the audience "This man has never been weak for this City."

Former City Manager Roger LeDuc also gave some insight into his relationship with the Mayor, telling stories of receiving several phone calls a week and having a weekly lunch with the Mayor who was constantly making suggestions and looking for ways to improve the City and the quality of life for its residents. LeDuc described Cavanaugh as a "faithful servant in so many ways." Cavanaugh was also presented with a gift by City Clerk Sara Ridout, who also attended Aiken High School

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around the time Cavanaugh did.

over his 30 years

A special performance by the City's "Kinder-Choir" was made to honor the Mayor and his commitment to the City's youth.

For his remarks, the Mayor kept it short by emotionally thanking everyone who had helped him over his 30 years with the City.

He said that when he moved to Aiken with his family over 60 years ago he realized it was a place he always wanted to stay, and came back after several

moves with the military and the Dupont company. He thanked his wife for her support and allowing him to run for office as many

times as he did because he truly loved serving the City.

Cavanaugh said he looks forward to enjoying more time for tennis and golf now that he is no longer Mayor. LeDuc said that he and Cavanaugh would "have to learn how to be retired together."

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Mayor Fred Cavanaugh, Clerk Sara Ridout and Manager John Klimm.



Zee Homoki with Mayor Cavanaugh.



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Take action on stopping Islamic terror here.

Dear Editor,

This past Friday an horrendous and surprise terrorist attack in France resulted in the murder of over 100 French citizens by Islamic Muslims. Since then, the governors of Michigan, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas and perhaps other have determined that Islamic Muslim refugees are a threat to the state and national security interest of this country. We at Palmetto Christian Defense agree.

Today, we are calling on SC Governor Nikki Haley to use common sense and rescind her earlier decision to accept Islamic Muslims. We are asking her to ban, stop and prohibit any Islamic Muslims from any country into this state. The threat is real. The governor has recognized and stated previously that she understands her job as governor is to guarantee the security of the people of this state. We now have an Islamic threat in this state and expect her take take action on stopping Islamic terror here.

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