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## **Additional Information:**

**To: Members, College of Charleston Board of Trustees**

## **If the Good and Righteous Don't Speak Out the Evil Will Prevail!!**

Almost every black family in South Carolina has benefitted from the sense of diversity and civil humility that Lt. Governor Glenn McConnell has practiced and demonstrated over the past twenty-one years.

### **For example:**

If you are a member of the Black Baptist denomination each year for the past 14 years Benedict College & Morris College has received **\$1.3 million dollars** of public money allocated to a private religious institution that Senator Glenn McConnell helped Senator Darrell Jackson and I obtain. This act alone made South Carolina the first and only state in the country to give money to private religious institutions.

#### **Allen University**

If you are a member of the AME Church in South Carolina for the past 14 years Senator Glenn McConnell has helped your church supported school in the amount of **\$650,000** per year.

#### **Claflin University**

If you are a member of the United Methodist Church (UMC), Senator Glenn McConnell has helped your church supported school in the amount of **\$650,000** for the past 14 years.

#### **Voorhees College**

If you are a member of the Episcopal Church, Senator Glenn McConnell has helped your church supported school in the amount of **\$650,000** of public funds for the past 14 years.

In 2008, Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter and I met with Senator Glenn McConnell to help get more Black judges elected. Senator Glenn McConnell appointed me to the Judicial Merit Screening Committee, as a result of that appointment we were able to screen out 100 percent of the black judicial candidates. The end result, the black judge count went from a high of seven (7), to the present twenty-two (22) elected black judges.

To cite Senator Glenn McConnell's cognizance of historical and cultural diversity, it was because of Senator Glenn McConnell's support and guidance that Senator Darrell Jackson and I were successful in getting legislation passed to erect an African American Monument. Not only did Senator McConnell co-sponsor the legislation, he helped us raise 95% of the funds to build the monument, making South Carolina the first and only state in the United States to have an African American Monument on the grounds of a State Capitol.

I served as Chairman of the Affirmative Action and Civil Rights Committee of the S.C. Legislative Black Caucus for 16 years, each time I called on Senator Glenn McConnell not once did he hesitate to help me with an agency head, ultimately saving hundreds of jobs for minorities

who had grievances and was threatened with the loss of jobs.

This would be a great time for the presidents of the five black religious institutions to show Senator McConnell their appreciation by letting the Board of Trustees of the College of Charleston know the wonderful things they were able to do with the revenue that Senator Glenn McConnell helped them acquire.

**If the righteous don't speak out evil will prevail!**

**Robert Ford, Community Developer**