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**Subject:** RE: Spartanburg Couple receives the Order of the Palmetto

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Thanks Chaney. We appreciate this. We are working to get it into our newscast and our website. Thanks again. - Rob

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From: Adams, Chaney [mailto:ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 5:06 PM  
To: WSPA News Assignment Desk DG  
Cc: Godfrey, Rob; Landreth, Samuel R. (Rob)  
Subject: Spartanburg Couple receives the Order of the Palmetto

All,

I wanted to touch base with you because a Spartanburg couple, Allen and Lee Ann Johnson, were awarded the Order of the Palmetto.

Attached you will find a letter from Governor Haley to the Johnsons as well as a picture of them receiving the award from the governor.

I have also included a list of their awards and accomplishments in the community.

Thanks!

Chaney

On background:

Summary:

- 30 years in business in Spartanburg, SC.
- Owners of 8 Fuddruckers restaurants in 3 states (6 in South Carolina).
- Provided hundreds of jobs to the area.
- Given countless financial and in-kind contributions to various charity organizations, including Carpenter's Table food pantry and donating daily proceeds to Mobile Meals.
- Hosted March of Dimes team leader rallies.
- Fed hundreds via volunteering with Food Rescue Mission.

Work/Service:

- o Spartan Food Systems
- o Mobile Meals
- o March of Dimes
- o Paws for a Cause
- o YMCA Scholarship Campaign

- Food Rescue Mission
- Carpenter's Table food pantry
- The Butcher The Baker Management CO, Inc. (8 Fuddruckers' franchises).
- Chix and Bix, LLC. (6 Bojangles' franchises).

Awards:

- Restaurateur of the Year, Piedmont Area Restaurant Association (1993)
- Franchisee of the Year, Fuddruckers (1993)
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- Highest Sales – Myrtle Beach, Franchise Convention (2005)
- International Founders Award, Franchise Convention (2006)
- Restaurateur of the Year, Blue Plate Society (2007)
- USC Upstate Distinguished Alumni, Lee Ann Johnston (2010)
- Heritage Award, Franchise Convention (2010)
- Applause Award for Excellence in Advertising, Better Business Bureau (2012)
- Founders Award, Franchise Convention (2013)