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Speaker's quote -

"The Department of Transportation's coordinated and swift response to the recent disaster in South Carolina has proven Secretary Christie Hall's leadership abilities. Secretary Hall effectively communicated with the General Assembly in a time of crisis. I believe Secretary Hall is an outstanding choice to lead SCDOT and I look forward to working with her as we continue our efforts to make the agency more accountable and efficient."

Speaker Jay Lucas

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Please let me know if we tweak the quote.

When leadership was needed, leadership was found. In response to one of the costliest natural disaster to ever visit our state, Governor Haley turned to her cabinet agencies and directed them to respond together as Team South Carolina. And respond they did. Even the harshest critics of the SCDOT were blown away by their phenomenal response to the unprecedented damage to our state's highway network. Christie Hall has certainly earned the top spot at SCDOT and I congratulate Governor Haley on selecting her to be the next SC Secretary of Transportation. Senator Larry Grooms, Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee