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According to legend, on Jan. 9, 1861, a cadet from the South Carolina Military Academy fired the first shot of the Civil War, preventing the *SS Star of the West* from supplying Union troops at Fort Sumter. The one who pulled the lanyard on the cannon to fire this historic shot was, most likely, George Edward "Tuck" Haynsworth.

Accompanying Haynsworth near the cannon was a soon-to-be graduate of what is known today as The Citadel, William Stewart Simkins.

Years later, Simkins moved to Texas and was named as a professor of law at the University of Texas in Austin. And in the 1950s, a new men's dormitory was opened on the Austin campus, called Simkins Hall, named to honor The Citadel graduate.

I lived in Simkins Hall while an undergraduate at the University of Texas in the 1964-65 school year. But none of us living there had any idea — or cared — that our dorm was named after this respected South Carolinian.

Several years ago, I visited my old dorm, but it wasn't "Simkins Hall" anymore. The Board of Regents renamed it Creekside Residence Hall in 2010 after it became known that Citadel graduate Simkins and his brother had organized the Ku Klux Klan in Florida.

I contacted the then-regent who had proposed dropping the tainted Simkins name and told him that there was another South Carolinian with

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## **PAST**

that same last name who remained well-respected throughout her life, civil rights leader Modjeska Monteith Simkins. Why not return to the old name, but in honor of her, I asked? He suggested that I send my idea to the current Board of Regents. I did, and I got a positive response. As of today, I have not had further word or seen news reports about the status of my proposal.

But I do see news reports that Gov. Nikki Haley, who received positive national and international recognition for her and

South Carolina when she was instrumental in removing a Confederate flag from the State House grounds, is now supporting the removal of a Confederate flag from the chapel at The Citadel.

The Citadel ring has a pile of cannon balls below a depiction of the U.S. colors and the S.C. colors "depicting the unity of the state and federal government." The school's description of the ring says, "When the Citadel moved to its present location, the Civil War cannon balls piled before the Old Citadel

were left behind."

The Citadel and the ring purchased by the student remember the historic actions of Haynsworth and Simkins in challenging the U.S. government in 1861. But the ring also makes a statement that today we have an inseparable union of the United States and South Carolina.

Divisive remnants of the past — including cannon balls, a Confederate flag and other symbols of the death and damage in our nation that followed that cannonball shot over the bow of the Union ship in

Charleston waters — should be remembered but appropriately left behind in a museum.

Haynsworth is remembered with respect as a Citadel graduate. But Simkins is remembered for his unfortunate youthful exuberance in continuing to call for hate and racial discrimination after he and others in the Confederate army surrendered to Union forces, removed their uniforms and began wearing civilian clothes.

Modjeska Simkins, a Columbia native born the same year William Stewart

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Simkins began teaching law in Texas, is an excellent standard bearer who unites South Carolina, Texas and the rest of the country to work to resolve continuing divisions among whites, blacks, Hispanics, Muslims and

others who bring positive contributions and strength to our nation. She worked — and others continue her work — to bring equal rights to all, regardless of religion, national origin, race, color or sex.

I may not succeed in

getting the name Simkins Hall back onto my old dorm. But I intend to continue to tell the Texas Board of Regents that South Carolina does have a worthy alternative in Modjeska Simkins and that we are willing to

leave William Stewart Simkins and the cannon balls behind.

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## Midlands House races to watch

*In the Midlands, three key races are at stake:*

### LEXINGTON HOUSE DISTRICT 69

GOP State Rep. Rick Quinn has a primary challenger in Ryan Holt.

The 50-year-old Quinn, who has been in the House for a combined 20 years including a stint as House majority leader, is the scion of a family of S.C. GOP operatives. The incumbent says he wants to fix the state's roads.

The 31-year-old Holt, an attorney and Lexington County Medical Center board member, says he wants to continue restructuring state government, giving the executive branch more authority over agencies and having legislators give more oversight of those agencies.

### RICHLAND HOUSE DISTRICT 79

Three Democrats are vying to succeed state Rep. Mia McLeod, who is vacating her Northeast Richland House seat to run for the state Senate in November.

The candidates are:

- Monica Elkins, a Richland 2 school board member and 25-year educator, who says she wants to improve

schools

- Pastor and chiropractor Ivory Thigpen, who says he wants to heal racial tensions, address domestic abuse and drug abuse, and expand funding of health care and education

- Columbia attorney Vannie Williams, who unsuccessfully challenged McLeod for the seat in 2014 and says he want to focus on improving schools and health care

### LEXINGTON HOUSE DISTRICT 89

Four candidates are seeking the GOP nomination for the House seat held by state Rep. Kenny Bingham, who is retiring, in a district that stretches across Cayce and West Columbia.

The candidates are:

- Former Lexington County Councilman Bill Banning, who won't rule out a gas tax hike to pay to repair roads
- Prosecutor Micah Caskey, who wants to address the state's underfunded pension system
- Attorney and West Columbia City Councilman Tem Miles, who favors lower taxes and ethics reform
- Attorney and former West Columbia County Councilman Billy Oswald, who favors term limits and opposes tax hikes

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### 'OUR COMMUNITY GRIEVES'

... A gunman filled with hate took the lives of 50 LGBT brothers and sisters and wounded many more in an Orlando nightclub. Tremendous thanks is due to law enforcement and other first responders who stepped into harm's way to help victims.

Today, our community grieves for the victims and families affected by this senseless gun violence. We are reminded to be cautious in the coming weeks, but we also are called to help those directly affected by this tragedy. ... Join SC Equality in letting Orlando know that South Carolina stands with them.

— **S.C. Equality**, a Columbia-based gay-rights advocacy group, on Facebook

### 'HATE IS NEVER THE ANSWER'

My heart hurts today. We don't all have to agree all the time, but hate is never the answer.

— **S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley**, on Facebook

### 'WE ARE FIGHTING A WAR ... NOT A CRIME'

This is a horrific day for America. ... I fear this will prove to be system failure. Congress should immediately restore the budgets for our intelligence and law enforcement communities which have been suffering. ... My goal is to prevent future terrorist attacks, not simply respond to them. We are fighting a war against radical Islam and a hateful ideology, not a crime.

— **U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham**, on Facebook

### 'YOU ARE ONLY STRENGTHENING OUR RESOLVE'

Last night, we unfortunately were faced once again with what

happens when someone is overwhelmed by hate. The atrocity in Orlando has left Florida and our nation in shock, and I know that over the next few days we will come together and show the world that America stands as one against terror and those who would do us harm. ...

To ISIS and Islamic terror groups and fighters around the globe — your senseless acts, driven by your misguided and heartless belief in a bloody, global jihad, will not defeat us. You are only strengthening our resolve, sturding our footing and sealing your own fate.

— **U.S. Sen. Tim Scott**, in a statement

### 'ANOTHER UNFATHOMABLE ACT OF EVIL, OF HATE'

... (T)his was clearly yet another unfathomable act of evil, of hate, perpetrated against good and decent people who loved their

lives and did nothing wrong. Their loss, and the loss their friends and loved ones must now somehow endure, is simply incomprehensible — and heartbreaking. ...

One year ago this week, we here in Charleston were brought face to face with the same kind of evil that the people of Orlando are being forced to reckon with today, when nine beautiful souls were viciously stolen from us by a racist gunman in the basement of Mother Emanuel AME church.

— **Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg**, in a statement

### 'WE ALL STAND WITH YOU'

The hate-filled killings in Orlando is an act of terrorism and the attack on the LGBTQ community is an attack on all Americans. ... We all stand with you in grief prayer and resolve.

— **State Rep. James Smith**, on Twitter

### WAGE 'WAR AGAINST RADICAL ISLAM'

This is an attack on every American by radical Islam, and we have no choice but to respond. ... It shouldn't take a tragedy like this to cause us to open our eyes about the threats before us, but if we do not pause to do some soul searching about how we talk about and address Islamic terrorism in this country, we are dishonoring those who have perished and are simply acting foolishly.

We must unite as Americans and send a resolute signal that there can be no tolerance for the type of radicalism being pushed by Islamic State and others anywhere in the world. We must also not allow a misplaced sense of political correctness to prevent us from waging war against radical Islam.

— **U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan**, in a press release

### 'HORRIFIC ATTACKS'

Almost a year ago, Charleston was rocked by killings fueled by hatred. I am deeply saddened to learn of the horrific attacks in Orlando this morning — the worst mass shooting in our country's history.

— **U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford**, on Facebook

### 'HORRIFIC SHOOTING'

Prayers from @CityofColumbia for the people & families hurt in the horrific shooting in Orlando.

— **Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin**, on Twitter

### 'PRAYERS ... WITH THE VICTIMS'

@My thoughts and prayers are with the victims of the attack in #Orlando and their families.

— **U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson**, on Twitter



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# One year after church shooting, much is the same in Charleston

BY JEFFREY COLLINS AND  
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CHARLESTON

The names of Confederate generals still adorn street signs in Charleston's public housing projects, and a heroic waterfront statue dedicated to the Confederate Defenders of Charleston still faces Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.

Just down from the Emanuel AME church – where nine black parishioners studying their Bibles were gunned down one year ago – a statue of Vice President John C. Calhoun, a staunch defender of slavery, towers above a park.

After the June 17, 2015, massacre, South Carolina lawmakers did what many people thought was impossible to achieve and removed the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds in Columbia.

Across the country, as far away as Alaska, officials moved to strip streets, college dormitories and even lakes of the names of Confederates, secessionists and public figures who championed segregation.

But a year later, little has changed in Charleston, the city where tens of thousands of enslaved Africans first set foot in North America. It was here that the work of plantation slaves made the city one of the wealthiest in the nation before the Civil War. It was here where the bombardment of Fort Sumter threw the nation into that war in 1861.

A section of a street in front of the white stucco Emanuel AME church may have been renamed "Mother Emanuel Way Memorial

County: Horry

District," but all of Charleston's Confederate commemorations remain intact and longstanding racial issues endure.

"I think a lot of things happened out of the immediate emotions of how horrific the killings were. That's the human side of folks and the politeness, particularly of Charleston, that we just had to do something. But then when reality checks us – the question is what is that going to cost us in terms of changing the way we think and do things?" said Dot Scott, president of the Charleston branch of the NAACP.

A white man who police said hated blacks and posted photos of himself with the Confederate flag has been charged with killing the nine parishioners.

"It was truly an attack on a race of people," Malcolm Graham, the brother of victim Cynthia Hurd, said of the shootings. "After 400 years, the African-American community still is suffering and dealing with these types of issues relating to race."

So why was there not a push to remove Confederate symbols in Charleston following the church attack?

Bernard Powers, a black College of Charleston history professor, noted that it took a 15-year struggle to get the flag removed from the Statehouse grounds and that it happened only after the slayings.

"People see what it took, and ultimately that flag was removed because nine people were murdered," said Powers, who co-authored a book about the massacre

called "We are Charleston." "I think people appreciate how deeply entrenched the reverence is for the Confederacy. For a lot of folks, it is a civil religion."

As soon as South Carolina lawmakers voted to pull down the flag, they shut the door on any other changes.

Gov. Nikki Haley had pushed for the flag to come down but feared that going further would incite fights across the state, so she asked lawmakers to protect all the other flags and monuments while removing the Statehouse flag.

"Our goal was to hold everything together. Let's do what we can, let's be kind and accepting and understand history is just that – it's history," she said.

So a statue of former Gov. and U.S. Sen. "Pitchfork" Ben Tillman still stands on the Statehouse grounds. Tillman once famously praised a lynch mob that killed seven black Republicans in 1876 to intimidate others from voting. The statue calls him a "friend and leader of the common people" but makes no mention of the violence he bragged about for decades, something black lawmakers would like to see added.

Changing a monument requires a two-thirds vote, and South Carolina and House Speaker Jay Lucas has vowed to block changes of any kind.

That means the Citadel, South Carolina's Charleston-based military college, has to keep the Confederate flag up in the campus chapel among the flags of the 50 states and other territories,

even though the school's board of visitors voted to take it down.

It's not just South Carolina. North Carolina passed a bill protecting its Confederate monuments, and other Southern states also made it harder to alter monuments or change the names of buildings honoring prominent Confederates.

Like many southern states, just about every North Carolina county has a monument extolling the bravery and honor of its Confederate soldiers.

University of North Carolina history professor W. Fitzhugh Brundage, who is white, said he understands blacks who feel alienated seeing statues in public places honoring those who fought a war in large part to keep them enslaved.

"That is a reminder that this state's history includes an organized effort to keep people like you, African-Americans, enslaved at the cost of hundreds of thousands of lives and hundreds of millions of dollars of destruction," he said.

Though the monuments remain, the Confederate fervor may be fading decade by decade in Charleston. The area commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Civil War earlier this decade with subdued events at Fort Sumter and elsewhere, compared to the celebratory mood surrounding the 100th anniversary. And there was a new emphasis on slavery as a cause of the war and the roles that blacks played in the conflict.

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plant operator from Charlotte, North Carolina, visiting Charleston's Confederate Museum, said he realizes why the Confederate flag is offensive to many.

"I understand the flag," Turner said. "There are bad

people who used it. But the monuments are different. They are a part of history. We can't change that."

Brundage said he expects skirmishes over Confederate monuments to continue to

pop up across the South, but that a full-scale removal of Confederate symbols still seems a long way off, even generations removed from the Civil War.

"The flag may be down in front of the Statehouse of

South Carolina, but the landscape of South Carolina is still full – bursting – with symbols honoring the Confederacy," the professor said. "And they're going to be there."



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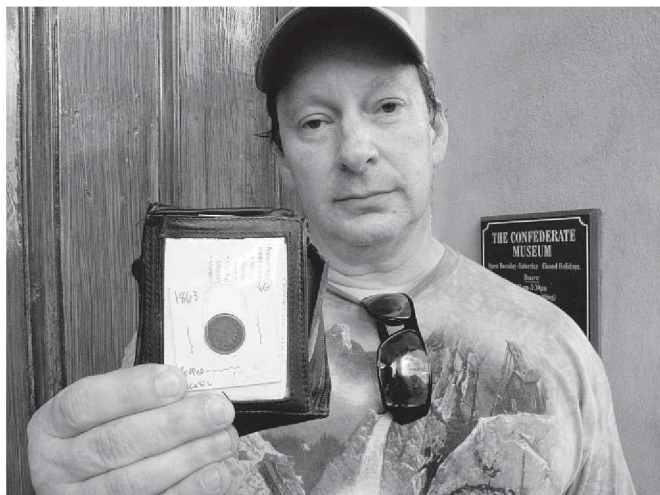
A statue of Vice President John C. Calhoun, whose ideas on state rights were a spark of the Civil War, looks over an art festival in a public park on Tuesday, May 31 in Charleston. Calhoun is one of many statues of Confederates, secessionists and racists that stand in South Carolina.

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In this June, 27, 2015 photo, Bree Newsome of Charlotte, N.C., climbs a flagpole to remove the Confederate battle flag at a Confederate monument in front of the Statehouse in Columbia. After nine black parishioners were slain at a Charleston church, South Carolina did what many thought would never happen: It moved the Confederate flag off Statehouse grounds. But for the most part, Charleston and other areas of the South remain unchanged.



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Daniel Turner shows off a penny his great-great grandfather was carrying when he was wounded in an 1863 Civil War battle in Virginia while standing outside the Confederate Museum on Tuesday, May 31 in Charleston. Turner carries the penny in his wallet to honor his Southern ancestor.



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In her veto letter, Haley said the proposed restrictions for mopeds exceed those for motorcycle drivers.

But state law does require anyone under 21 who’s driving or riding on a motorcycle to wear a helmet. The motorcycle advocacy group ABATE

— which stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments — has long squashed any effort to require helmets for older riders.

But ABATE spokesman Chad Fuller said the group wanted legislators to add the helmet provision for mopeds.

“We supported them having the same regulations that we as motorcyclists have,” he said. The group, of which Haley has been a member, took no position on the vest issue.

Legislators will decide later this week whether to overturn Haley’s veto.

Rep. Bill Crosby, the main House sponsor, said the bill is not about helmets or vests, but saving people’s lives.

“I wish she would reconsider,” said Crosby, R-North Charleston. “I would think it would sit on her conscience if this doesn’t pass. ... We’ll continue having people killed.”

He likened the moped restrictions to requiring people in vehicles to wear seat belts.

While a House member, Haley voted against the 2005 law that allowed officers to stop drivers for not wearing a seat belt.

The moped bill would allow officers to charge intoxicated moped drivers with drunken driving.



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CHARLESTON - A record 3 million people are registered to vote in South Carolina, but don't expect any voting records to be set when voters go to the polls Tuesday in the state primary.

There are no statewide races, and in a relatively quiet campaign season, there are primaries in only three of the state's seven congressional districts. Across the state, 39 state legislators faces primary challenges.

A look at Tuesday's primary, in which polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. EDT:

## Congressional races

Incumbent Republican U.S. Reps. Mark Sanford and Mick Mulvaney face primary challenges on Tuesday.

Sanford, a former governor, faces state Rep. Jenny Horne of Summerville in the Lowcountry's 1st District in the congressional race that has attracted the most attention. Horne

gained nationwide attention last year for her impassioned speech calling for the removal of the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds in the wake of the shootings at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

In the 5th District along the North Carolina border, Mulvaney, first elected six years ago, faces Ray Craig of Lake Wylie. In the other race in the 2nd District in the Midlands, Phil Black of Lexington meets Arik Bjorn of Columbia in the Democratic primary. The winner faces long-time incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson in the fall.

## Legislative races

The legislative races to watch are in the Senate, where Republican Gov. Nikki Haley is trying to oust several of its GOP leaders, while Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster and other Haley allies are working to reelect them. Those targeted by

Haley include Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman of Florence, Luke Rankin of Conway and Wes Hayes of Rock Hill.

Others facing tough challenges include Senate Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin, R-Pickens, whose opponents include a former member of the state House.

GOP Sen. Lee Bright of Roebuck, who also faces three challengers, is the only incumbent publicly opposed by the state Chamber of Commerce. Its Good Government Committee is running radio ads against him.

In Charleston, former Democratic Sen. Robert Ford, who was convicted of misconduct in office and ethics violations, is trying to win his seat back from incumbent state Sen. Marlon Kimpson.

## Turnout and other matters

Chris Whitmire of the South Carolina Election Commission says the commission doesn't make turnout projections, but notes turnout in past state primaries has ranged from 14 to 27 percent, depending on who and what issues were on the ballot.

The highest election turnout in state history was the presidential election four years ago, in which 1.9 million voters, or 69 percent of registered voters, went to the polls.

More than 1.1 million voters cast ballots earlier this year in the presidential preference primaries in the state, with almost 750,000 of those votes cast in the GOP primary.

Some voters will see driver license scanners at the polls Tuesday. Those devices allow poll workers to quickly identify voters so they don't have to punch in their names and look them up on computer screens.

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## WHO IS ON TODAY'S BALLOTS?

### State Senate District 4 (Anderson, Abbeville, Greenwood)

- Rocky Burgess, Republican
- Mike Gambrell, Republican, incumbent

### Greenwood County Sheriff

- Phillip C. Anderson, Democrat
- Arnie Fisher, Democrat
- Tony Davis, Republican, incumbent
- Dennis Kelly, Republican
- Dale Kittles, Republican

### Greenwood County Clerk of Court

- Chastity Copeland, Republican
- Freda E. Sartin, Republican
- Angela Woodhurst, Republican, incumbent

### Greenwood County Coroner

- Marcia Kelley Clark, Republican
- Sonny Cox, Republican, incumbent

### Greenwood County Council District 6

- Craig Crawley, Republican
- Robbie Templeton, Republican, incumbent

### Greenwood County Council District 7

- Bob Fisher, Republican, incumbent
- Theo Lane, Republican

### State House District 7 (Abbeville, Anderson)

- Dennis Ted Grindstaff, Republican
- Blake Parker, Republican
- Jay West, Republican

### Abbeville County Coroner

- Ronnie Ashley, Democrat, incumbent
- Cassius I. Murray, Democrat

### Abbeville County Council District 3

- Casey Hyman Ashley, Democrat
- Charles H. Goodwin, Democrat

### State Senate District 25

### (Aiken, Edgefield, Lexington, McCormick, Saluda)

- Shane Massey, Republican, incumbent
- John Pettigrew, Republican

### 11th Circuit Solicitor

### (Edgefield, Lexington, McCormick, Saluda)

- Rick Hubbard, Republican
- Candice Lively, Republican
- Larry Wedekind, Republican

### Laurens County Sheriff

- Ricky Chastain, Republican, incumbent
- Don Reynolds, Republican

### Laurens County Auditor

- Jim Coleman, Republican
- David Tribble, Republican

### McCormick County Sheriff

- Emanuel Hollywood Crowder, Democrat
- C.E. Junior Gable, Democrat
- J.R. Jones, Democrat
- M.H. Brock, Republican
- Robbie Christie, Republican
- Clarke A. Stearns, Republican

### McCormick County Council District 1

- Henry Banks, Democrat, incumbent
- Bernard Moss, Democrat
- Donald D. Moss, Democrat
- Kevin Busbee, Republican
- Lorie Tullis, Republican

### McCormick County Council District 4

- Sally Anne Gable, Democrat
- Charles Jennings, Democrat, incumbent

### State House District 39 (Lexington, Saluda)

- Cal Forrest, Republican
- Ralph Shealy Kennedy, Republican, incumbent

### Saluda County Sheriff

- Jason Booth, Republican
- Robin Freeman, Republican

### Saluda County Council District 4

- Jones Butler, Republican
- Jacob V. Schumpert Jr., Republican, incumbent

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## Voting on Tuesday will help determine next year's local elected officials

LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14. HERE ARE THE FINAL PRE-ELECTION LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### CHOOSE RANKIN

Voting is a right and privilege that citizens ignore and don't make it a priority to go to the polls. I shrug my shoulders wondering why people don't vote, especially when candidates running for public office have spent many weeks, days, hours and money campaigning.

Maybe voters feel their vote doesn't matter. This lackadaisical attitude is sad - especially when people fought and died for the right to vote.

Primary elections are the forgotten soul of the election process. This is a sorrow state of affairs, given that primaries allow candidates to run in the general election.

As a concerned citizen and one who believes in good government, one of transparency and trust, I feel we must have the right person representing us in the general election. In studying the field of candidates for the Tuesday Republican primary, it is my hope that voters will choose Sen. Luke Rankin, a strong advocate for good government, transparency and for his independence.

Rankin represents us and has campaigned with dignity and fairness.

The Scott Pyle team of PAC outsiders, Gov. Nikki Haley and other interlopers want to defeat Rankin for his unwillingness to toe the line.

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### CHOOSE LOFTUS

I urge you to help me send Rankin back to S.C. Senate.

- B. Roseman-Bonsignor, Myrtle Beach

### CHOOSE POWERS BOAN

My husband, the late Jackie Powers, Sr., and I watched our daughter grow and mature into a very caring, loving and dedicated young woman. She has chosen to make her home in Georgetown, even to the point of convincing her husband, Jason Boan, from the Upstate to raise their children here.

She loves the Georgetown area and cares deeply about the area and the people.

Leigh Powers Boan is very compassionate and always wants to serve and help people. Having lost her dad several years ago, and though grieving herself, she was a stronghold for me in helping me go through the difficult process of probate with the will, finances, etc. She did it with such compassion, understanding, sensitivity and skill.

I realize she is my daughter, but I truly believe she would do the same for each person who could come into the Georgetown probate court because she has been there with her own mother. I believe that she would handle any issues that might come through the court with the same finesse and skills.

I hope you will consider voting for our daughter on Tuesday for probate judge.

- Ann L. Powers, Georgetown

I have known Gary Loftus for 25 years. If you want to know a person's character, play golf with him.

### CHOOSE RANKIN

He wasn't the best golfer but was an honest player.

I understand the "throw the bums out" attitude, but Gary has spent many years serving South Carolina in many positions, mostly unpaid ones.

He has served us well and we would be lucky to have him continue on Horry County Council.

- Thomas Conn, Myrtle Beach

### CHOOSE GOLDFINCH

I am extremely disappointed in our governor's decision to interject herself into our Senate District 34 race, and to do so by forming a PAC in order to fund such a negative, misleading attack TV ad against Rep. Stephen Goldfinch.

Her PAC is largely funded by out-of-state billionaire moguls intent on stealing this election from us the voters.

As the Horry County Council chairman, I need our next state senator to be someone who understands the needs of our county and is effective. Stephen Goldfinch has proven to be that person.

He has always been behind Horry County and has helped with road issues, particularly those regarding International Boulevard. As the chairman of the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study, Stephen has been instrumental in prioritizing roads in Horry.

Roads have become a serious problem throughout our state, and all you have to do is look at Stephen's record to determine the right person for the job.

Stephen has always been very responsive to the needs of Horry County and has proven to be a true conservative.

He has earned my full support, and I encourage you to vote for Stephen Goldfinch on Tuesday, June 14.

- Mark Lazarus, Myrtle Beach

### CHOOSE FOWLER

Paul Prince is running for re-election for the 9th district of Horry County Council, after serving 26 years. His campaign brochure states that he started the recycling and solid waste centers.

As the first chairman of the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, let me state that Prince was not serving as a councilman when the authority was formed. Mr. Dewitt was the 9th district representative.

Prince also states on his brochure that he secures funding for the paving of dirt roads. Well, let me tell you about the one quarter mile of dirt road that was paved to serve only five mobile home lots for his friends on Silver Sand Drive. This is a dead-end street because I would not allow it to go through my private property.

Please vote for a change; vote for Terry W. Fowler.

- Ruth D. Bell, Loris

I've known Luke Rankin personally for 20 years. Luke is known as a man of principle who can get the ear of those even who aren't politically aligned with him.

Many legislators do little to resolve real problems.

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Luke isn't that kind of legislator. He is fair and willing to roll up his sleeves and address issues from a common sense perspective. Throughout South Carolina, Luke is known as being able to get opponents to meet him halfway.

It appears Luke doesn't have the support of Gov. Haley because he has opposed her on certain matters. If Luke shows opposition with someone, it's the result of his own research that what he opposes isn't in our best interest.

Luke is a life-long resident of Horry County. He worships here. He's raising his family here. Perhaps the fact

that any governor feels she can't control a senator is that senator's best credential.

Luke has the range of contacts, seniority and experience needed to continue to do a great job for our area. Please support Sen. Rankin.  
*- Bert Von Herrmann, Conway*

### **CHOOSE GOLDFINCH**

In recent months, predominately out of state donors have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to a big money Political Action Committee in Columbia. Some of this money has been used to run a negative campaign against Rep. Stephen Goldfinch in the Senate District 34 race.

These ads characterize our representative as "not a conservative."

Anybody who knows anything about coastal South Carolina politics knows that you don't get elected and re-elected to the South Carolina House if you are not a conservative.

It just doesn't happen.

It is easy to criticize from Columbia, easy to say what someone without a track record might do if elected to our state senate, but Goldfinch has a solid track record, and his opponents are unknown quantities.

Stephen has delivered for his constituents, and he has represented us in Columbia as an effective voice for our

district.

He has stood for conservative principles, and he has also fought for the needs of the citizens of his district.

There were only nine out of 124 House members who were present for all attendance votes, and Stephen was one of them.

I believe he will take this same dedicated and responsible approach to the state senate. He has been highly visible, willing to speak - and to listen - at many local political and civic events since his election to the House in 2013.

We need more leaders like Goldfinch.

*- Bill Otis, Pawleys Island*



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## Rankin has strong record, ran clean campaign

The reason I support Sen. Luke Rankin over his opponent, Scott Pyle, is that Rankin runs a clean campaign and not one like Pyle, whose advertising temperament is just awful.

Pyle accuses Rankin of hiding his record, not doing his job, being for gun control, voting to increase taxes, and a host of other fabrications.

If you want the truth about Rankin's record, all you have to do is click on the internet and bring up the S. C. Senate records, and they are all there.

If Pyle doesn't know this, then how on earth is he qualified to run for the Senate? Should you go to the Senate archives and click on the record of Rankin, you will see he is a very effective legislator and be able to dispel 95 percent of Pyle's exaggerated advertising, and that of his PAC cronies.

And let me suggest one other matter. Go to the South Carolina Ethic Commission to find how much money was contributed to Pyle's campaign by his out of the district benefactors, as well as those from out of state. It is said Pyle received more than \$150,000 from the Club for Growth and a huge amount of money from Gov. Haley's newly formed PAC to defeat state legislators who have opposed her agenda and vetoes of bills, such as Rankin.

The smart voter would vote for Rankin. He is head and shoulders a better choice for state senate than Pyle. Vote Rankin.

- Butch Hermann, Myrtle Beach