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As support for Paris and fear of similar attacks happening on American soil spread throughout the country, GOP lawmakers look for an answer to President Barack Obama's call to bring 10,000 Syrian refugees to the U.S. in 2016.

The attacks, appearing to be the work of the Islamic State out of Syria, left 129 people dead and many more injured in Paris last week.

U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, a Republican who represents South Carolina's third congressional district, which includes the Lakelands, has expressed concerns about the capability of the federal government to properly vet refugees coming from Syria and other countries with known radical Islamic cells.

After reports revealed one of the attackers entered France with a group of Syrian refugees, fear has loomed over the possibility of an attack occur-

ring in the U.S. and has prompted a response from members of Congress to draft legislation putting a hold on refugees coming into the country.

Duncan questioned the FBI Director James Comey last month about the vetting process for refugees during a hearing with the House Committee on Homeland Security.

"The good news is we're much better at doing it than we were eight years ago. The bad news is there's no risk-free process," Comey said at the hearing.

Duncan, who serves on the committee as well as the foreign affairs committee, said the issues in vetting Syrian refugees is Syria has never been a stalwart country in providing background checks and has been in a civil war for three years.

"We can't vet these people," Duncan said Wednesday. "It's a national security issue."

The proposed legislation, which is likely to go to a vote today in the House, sets up a program where the

Department of Homeland Security, the FBI and the Department of National Intelligence must certify every refugee is not a threat. If any of the agencies fail to certify, then the refugee will not be allowed to enter the country.

Additionally, a few amendments to the bill may be included that would create a six month "pause" on refugee resettlement programs, according to Duncan's camp.

Duncan, who is co-sponsoring one of those amendments, said he wants to immediately halt the resettlement of any refugees from Syria and other countries, at least until the Islamic State has been defeated and an improved refugee vetting process has been established.

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"We're not saying stop it, we're not saying end it forever, we're saying pause it, so we can figure this out," Duncan said. "People I represent are very concerned about knowing who we let into the country."

Duncan said he expects the bill to pass the House with bipartisan support as well as the Senate, but he does not know what will happen once it goes to the president. President Obama has been adamant about bringing refugees into the country and even cast criticism at the GOP for its

stance in blocking refugees.

The president announced Wednesday he would veto the GOP's bill, according to reports.

If the president does not sign the bill, a prohibition of funding to the refugee program is likely in a new spending bill in December, according to Duncan.

"I'm a compassionate person. I have a heart for the Syrian refugees. I'm just saying let's see who they are before we let them into this country," Duncan said.

Duncan would not offer any details on better vetting procedures and said it was up to the FBI, Central Intel-

ligence Agency and other agencies charged with protecting the country to bring new options to Congress for approval.

"We need to take a timeout here to get it right. If we don't get it right and bad folks make it into this country, the government has bad blood on its hands," Duncan said.

Duncan said the proposed legislation is not discrimination towards any group of people but a response to a terror attack and a fail in the system.

When asked if the country should show compassion for Syrian refu-

gees in crisis, Duncan said, "Shouldn't we show compassion for our own nation and its safety and security? This compassion is a two-way street."

Duncan said the refugees are part of a broader security issue regarding open borders and a number of people coming into the country illegally through Mexico.

"If we know (immigrants) are coming in this country, we should raise our antenna to figure out where there are coming in," Duncan said.

Duncan said the country will still try to do what is compassionate and there are

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a lot of options on the table.

"I think the take away here is the U.S. Congress is charged with keeping this nation safe, especially in the wake of 9/11. And, I can be as compassionate as I can be about Syrian refugees, but I also have to use some common sense to try to do what I can to address the real concerns that have been brought to my attention by those that are in the know," Duncan said.

State Sen. Billy O'Dell, R-Abbeville, said he supported Gov. Nikki Haley's decision in refusing Syrian refugees, which she announced Tuesday after previously showing support for refugees, particularly those working with U.S. Armed Forces in the Middle East.

How much control states have in refusing refugees

brought into the country from the federal government is still up for debate after 30 governors made similar statements to Haley's.

"I feel sorry for the folks, but it appears to me they could create a place in the mideast until it gets better," O'Dell said. "You don't put your hand out there to get it cut."

O'Dell said he does not think Syrian refugees can be properly vetted and faking documentation is pretty common knowledge.

"I've been following what's happening in Paris. I just dread to think we're going to have the same type situation in this country. I don't think we can be too careful," O'Dell said.

State Sen. Floyd Nicholson, D-Greenwood, also

shared concerns about performing security background checks on refugees.

"That's a serious problem," Nicholson said. "We have to take all precautionary steps to make sure our country is safe."

He said with the whole world in turmoil the country does not need to let everybody into the country, not just refugees, until proper security measures can be implemented.

State Rep. Craig Gagnon, R-Abbeville, shared a similar sentiment in not wanting to see refugees from any country enter the U.S.

"I don't think it's a very good idea. You don't know what kind of background these people have," Gagnon said.

Gagnon said he would defund any refugee programs because it is too dangerous to let people into this country without a 100-percent guarantee someone does not pose a threat when there is no way to perform background checks.

When it comes to compassion, Gagnon said people need to have compassion and empathy for American citizens on the possibility of being threatened.

State Rep. Anne Parks, D-Greenwood, said she has a problem allowing refugees into the country because she feels there is a lack of care for people already here.

"I don't see why we see it fit to take care of others and we don't care of our own," Parks said.



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# USC students walk out of classes in protest

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Some University of South Carolina students walked out of class to protest what they said are inequalities for minority groups.

The “USC 2020 Vision” group stated an online petition outlining 12 demands to

President Harris Pastides for minority groups.

The group wants what it calls a diverse, representative, knowledgeable student board to oversee the vision by 2020.

The group wants increased minority recruitment as well as the building of gender-neutral facilities. It also calls for an independent investigation

of several university officials although it does not say why.

Pastides called on students to reflect on the events at colleges around the country. He said many student concerns are being addressed.

Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday she hoped the protest leads to both sides listening and acting where needed.

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# Haley asks residents to contribute to flood relief fund

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley called on people across the nation Monday to contribute to the One SC relief fund to rebuild homes following last month's historic flooding, saying it can do what the government can't.

"While the debris has gone off the roads, if you took a right-hand turn into any of the neighborhoods ... all over the state, you will see devastation," Haley said in announcing the fund's creation. "If you are blessed and did not have damage to your home.

If you are blessed and you had insurance. ... Pay if forward."

The early October storm that dumped 2 feet of rain in some parts of the state destroyed or damaged more than 38,000 homes. By definition, homes don't have even "minor damage" unless at least a foot of water was inside, according to the South Carolina Emergency Management Division.

Haley said all donations to One SC will go toward supplies for rebuilding efforts, since her nonprofit — the Original Six Foundation —

is covering administrative costs. Priority for distributions will start with the elderly and those living in poverty, she said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency identified 5,000 needy families who are older than age 65 and live on less than \$20,000 annually — with about 1,200 of those having immediate need, said retired Army Col. Kevin Shwedo, whom Haley appointed last month to coordinate relief efforts between government agencies and nonprofits.

"There's a small pool right

now who are the most vulnerable that the volunteer organizations are focusing on," Shwedo said. But "they can't do anything without contributions coming from this organization."

Haley indicated she won't push for Congress to pass a relief package for South Carolina like the one passed for Hurricane Sandy relief in 2013.

Four of South Carolina's congressmen and both U.S. senators voted against that package, so it's unclear whether something like that could pass.

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# Haley still supports giving refuge to persecuted immigrants

By SEANNA ADCOX

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday she continues to support allowing persecuted immigrants to come to South Carolina — as long as they're not from Syria. It "unquestionably clear that these terrorists will execute whatever means necessary to infiltrate and murder innocent civilians."

But the Republican governor said as long as nothing changes in who is being resettled in the state, neither Republicans in the House and Senate called on Haley to oppose all international refugees.

"We need to be even more vigilant about protecting the state of South Carolina and her citizens," Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler, R-Gaffney, wrote in a letter to Haley. See **REFUGE**, page 4A

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 will her stance.

No Syrians have been brought to South Carolina. Refugees being brought from other nations have been persecuted for being Christians, for their political views or because they were interpreters

for American military personnel, Haley said.

Interpreters "saved our American lives, so in turn we save theirs by bringing them," she said, noting it's personal. Two interpreters who worked with her husband Capt. Michael Haley's unit in Afghanistan in 2013 came to the U.S. through the program.

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# Hewitt announces campaign for House District 108

By ANITA CRONE

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Backed by a plethora of movers and shakers from Georgetown County, on Nov. 9, Lee Hewitt announced his plans to run for the S.C. House of Representatives seat from District 108.

"I'm humbled by the support I've received," Hewitt said.

While he announced his first run for public office in a news release, he said that, since the release was posted online, he has been receiving emails of support, requests to volunteer and campaign funds.

His first business, he said, was to head south to McClellanville and the Mount Pleasant area, where he's not as familiar a face as he is in Murrells Inlet, the Waccamaw Neck and Georgetown.

Hewitt, 55, an owner of Garden City Realty, said he intends to bring a small-business focus to Columbia. "I think about these is-



**Hewitt**

My son is in school here. I have another son graduating from college, and I want him to be able to come back home and make a living."

While the run for the House seat is Hewitt's first, he is no stranger to public service. He was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley to serve as the 7th Congressional District's representative on the Department of Health and Environmental Control and has served as chairman of the Georgetown County Planning Commission, on the Board of Zoning

sues every day – roads, schools, jobs, the environment," he said. "I make my living from people who come here for the pristine beaches.

Appeals and the Georgetown County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee. He was a member of the Grand Strand Area Transportation Committee and the Southern Evacuation Lifeline Road Task Force.

That familiarity has brought him support from current and past members of Georgetown County Council, including Councilmen Austin Beard, Steve Goggans and John Thomas, as well as former councilmen Glen O'Connell,

Jerry Oakley, David Hood and Bob Anderson. Other supporters include restaurateurs Al Hitchcock of Drunken Jack's, Charlie Campbell of the Dead Dog Saloon and Kelly and Dexter Dorman, owners of Lee's Inlet Kitchen.

Others on Hewitt's lists of supporters include former state representative and current Planning Commissioner Joe Young; Planning Commissioner Johnny Weaver; former Planning Commis-

sioner Glenda Shoulette; former County Water and Sewer District Chairman Bob Plowden; retired judges Bill Moeller and Tom Barrineau; former U.S. Rep. John Napier; former County GOP Chairman Jim Jerow; former state GOP Executive Committee Member Joyce Jerow; former County GOP Executive Committee members Bill Hills and Ted Quantz; and community leaders Audrey Adduce, Don Thomas, Chip Abernethy, Da-

vid Whitlock, Whitney Hills, Booty Shelley, Ronnie and Empie Gasque, Frank Causey, Gray Turner, Greg and Gail Lunn, Bill Chandler, David DuRant, Tim Onions, Carl Moody, and Buzz Freeman.

Hewitt and his wife, Whitney, live in Murrells Inlet.

No other candidate has announced plans to run for the seat. State Rep. Stephen Goldfinch, who holds the seat, has announced his intention to seek a state Senate seat.



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# City wishes fond farewell to Mayor Fred Cavanaugh

BY LARRY WOOD

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A farewell reception for Aiken Mayor Fred Cavanaugh on Sunday afternoon turned into an afternoon of honors for his years of service to the City.

During the two-hour event, filled with speeches and songs from a children's choir, at the Municipal Building, Cavanaugh, who is retiring Monday after 24 years as mayor, received

the Order of the Silver Crescent from S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley; Resolutions from the S.C. Senate and House of Representatives; a certificate of appreciation from Aiken Public Safety; and gifts from City employees and the Character Comes First in Aiken program.

"They were all surprises, absolutely surprises," Cavanaugh said after the program, taking a break from shaking

hands and speaking with hundreds of well-wishers. "That blew me almost apart."

Lee Cavanaugh, the Mayor's wife and Aiken's first lady, said she had a hard time keeping the many honors her husband received secret.

"I tried very hard to keep them secret, but I wasn't always successful," she said. "It has been a most special day. I have always appreciated and recognized what a wonderful man my husband is, and I just thank everyone

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See more photos from the mayor's farewell event at [www.aikenstandard.com](http://www.aikenstandard.com)

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for coming out and sharing this day with us. It has meant the world to him."

Cavanaugh said he also appreciated everyone who came to the retirement reception.

"It was wonderful," he said. "It was so much more than I expected. I didn't expect such a robust expression of appreciation."

The weather cooperated, too, Cavanaugh added, with bright blue skies and mild temperatures.

"It's been a terrific day," Cavanaugh said. "The weather could not have been better. I thank the Lord for this beautiful day."

Cavanaugh was elected to Aiken City Council in 1985, and for his last two years on Council he was mayor pro tem.

When the late Aiken Mayor H. Odell Weeks, who was

mayor for roughly 44 years, became ill and announced he would not run again, Cavanaugh decided to seek election in 1991 and has been mayor for the past 24 years.

Former City Council member Rick Osborn, who was elected Aiken mayor Nov. 3, will be sworn in Monday.

Cavanaugh said that during his time as mayor he is most proud of the Character First initiative he helped bring to the City.

The program recognizes character traits such as honesty, forgiveness and humor, and banners throughout downtown and City parks remind residents to practice those traits daily.

Starting with East Aiken School of the Arts, every public and private school in the county adopted the program, and today, more than 4,000 children have received certifi-

cates of good character.

"Fred has been amazing," said Judy Cross, a member of the Joint Women's Clubs of Aiken, which sponsors the annual Celebration of Character for students and the character banners. "He goes to schools constantly and comes to all of our programs."

Mayor-elect Osborn said Cavanaugh is a living example of character.

"It's not just a banner for him," Osborn said. "It's the way he lives his life. I appreciate what he's done for our city and have the utmost respect for him."

Other representatives from local and state government shared their admiration for the retiring mayor.

"I absolutely had to be here," Aiken City Manager John Klimm said. "I have so much respect for a gentleman I've known for seven months. It

isn't just about all of the things he's accomplished. It's really about the kind of human being he is – the decency, the integrity, the honor. He's a true public servant, and it's been an honor to serve with him."

S.C. Senator Tom Young, R-Aiken, presented Cavanaugh the Senate resolution and joined with the county legislative delegation in presenting the House resolution and the Order of the Silver Crescent.

"All of those recognitions have been given to him for his 30 years of service, including his 24 years as mayor, and the lasting legacy he leaves to our City and our community," Young said.

Cavanaugh said Sunday's reception celebrating his years as mayor was both a "joyful and emotional" time.

"It's joyful because it's time for me to retire, and I'm pleased with that," he said, "and it's

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emotional because of all the folks and what they said today and have done.”

Cavanaugh said that he will miss all of those people after he retires and added that they

helped makes his 24 years as mayor a success.

“So many times people say thank you for what you did, but I like to remind folks – and they know – that it takes a team

to do anything really well. I was only one part of a team,” Cavanaugh said.

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**Mayor Fred Cavanaugh, with his wife, Lee, addresses the crowd at a Sunday reception held to honor the Cavanaugh family on the eve of the mayor's retirement. Businessman Rick Osbon is to be sworn in as mayor today.**



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**A round of applause goes out for a performance by Aiken Kinderchoir, right, directed by Lorraine Ray, center, during a reception Sunday afternoon in honor of Mayor Fred Cavanaugh and his wife, Lee, on the eve of the mayor's retirement.**



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**Aiken Kinderchoir performs in Aiken's municipal building Sunday afternoon, at a reception in honor of Mayor Fred Cavanaugh and his wife, Lee, on the eve of the mayor's retirement. Businessman Rick Osbon is to be sworn in as mayor today.**



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BENGTON

**Rick Osbon, Aiken's mayor-elect, applauds his predecessor, Fred Cavanaugh, at a Sunday reception in honor of Cavanaugh and his wife, Lee. Osbon is to be sworn in as mayor today.**

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# Lawmakers talk state funds

## Aiken leaders discuss what to do with extra \$1.2 Billion

BY DERREK ASBERRY

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The extra \$1.2 billion expected to be in the state's general fund next fiscal year should be divided among several agencies with a portion also stored away for a rainy day, said legislators from the Aiken County delegation.

Lawmakers were notified about a week ago that the general fund will include \$7.7 billion, including the additional

\$1.2 billion.

There will be a lot of competing demands for the money, but Sen. Shane Massey, R-Edgefield, believes the first thing legislators should do is return some of the funds back to the taxpayers by of-

fering an income tax break.

Massey said South Carolina is in a position situation where it is bringing in more money via income taxes than it needs.

"We should return some of that growth to the people who are making the growth happen," Massey said.

Outside of that, Massey said there are several state agencies who will likely seek increases to their budget, including the education account. Massey acknowledged the needs with the education system and fellow senator Tom Young, R-Aiken, said it is his understanding that some of the money is already obligated by existing

state law for public education.

"I expect there will be a push for a bond bill for capital improvements on state college and university campuses," Young said.

Other agencies that will likely vie for a piece include Medicaid, law enforcement and mental health. And infrastructure needs on the state's interstates and highways should also get a piece of pie, Young said.

But infrastructure will likely be competing with much-needed recovery funds

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following October's historical flooding. Cost projections to deal with the devastation total more than \$1 billion, according to state officials.

But while providing dollars for infrastructure needs is a no-brainer for some, Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, said it's a dangerous precedent to begin funding

road improvements from the state's general fund, even when additional tax revenues are available. "Roads maintenance has historically been

on fuel. If the legislature utilizes general fund monies for road improvements, does that mean during more difficult times we will cut funding to education and public safety to pave potholes?" Taylor questioned.

A highly-debated, potential solution would be to raise the state gas tax – a move that has been denounced by Gov. Nikki Haley and other members of

the Republican Party.

Taylor added that he voted against raising the gas tax earlier in the year because increasing it would be a burden on those "who can least afford to pay more taxes to drive to and from work." Massey and Young also opposed the gas tax.

In addition, Taylor and Massey cited issues with De-

partment of Transportation that need to be addressed before South Carolina can fix its roads. DOT auditors cited various issues earlier this year, including a system in which DOT is policing itself rather than being independently evaluated.

"I have little confidence additional road funds would be

wisely spent by SCDOT. As a stop gap, I very much favored the approach we used this year in sending an additional \$8 million directly to Aiken County's Transportation Committee to resurface state roads," Taylor said.

The General Assembly will return to Columbia for the next session in January.

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# *Free market should decide on hospitals*

In a famously conservative state that eschews big government regulation at every turn, it is amazing that a state agency maintains a virtual stranglehold on the construction or expansion of medical facilities.

University Hospital in Augusta was recently denied a Certificate of Need to build a hospital in Aiken after the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control determined that a plan designed by competitor Aiken Regional Medical Centers better met the need for more hospital beds in the area. The decision hurts the hospital's chances of building in Aiken, but Ed Burr, the senior vice president of the University Health Care System, said the hospital is seeking a review of the decision and that there are still a number of options available for University.

The Augusta-based company was poised to begin construction of a hospital before the Supreme Court of South Carolina decided to reinstate the certificate of need program in April 2014. The ruling came down after DHEC suspended its enforcement of the law when Republican Gov. Nikki Haley defunded the program. The high court ruled that Haley had to enforce the state review of hospital requests unless and until the law calling for it is eliminated

by the Legislature. The reinstatement iced University's plans and sent them back to the drawing board.

University then applied for a Certificate of Need, or CON, to construct a new general acute care hospital with 50 beds in Aiken at a project cost of about \$32.5 million.

According to DHEC, the CON program was put in place to control health care costs by preventing overbuilding of health care facilities and services in one area. That reasoning doesn't pass the sniff test and it never has. Any economist will tell you that a surplus of a good or service creates lower prices and improved customer service, not the other way around. An Oct. 19 letter written by DHEC denied University's application, stating that "50 general hospital beds to a service area with no calculated or community need for such beds would unnecessarily duplicate the service area's existing health care facility and services." The 2012-13 State Health Plan called for a 14-bed need in the local area – a number Aiken Regional applied to provide at a total project cost of \$782,534. Aiken Regional's application was deemed complete in the Nov. 28, 2014, edition of the State Register. The completion was two weeks before University filed its application on Dec. 12.

After assessing both plans, DHEC decided that Aiken Regional's pathway forward would better serve the local community.

The state agency went on to cite deficiencies in University's plans, stating that University's belief that business and economic growth in Aiken requires a need for more beds is not a forgone conclusion. "(University) has presented no information to



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suggest the state demographer failed to account for the influx of new business into the state,” DHEC wrote.

DHEC added that Aiken’s population growth is 25 percent less than the anticipated growth for the entire state and is not large enough to generate a need for a new general acute care hospital.

Burr said University disagrees with the state agency’s decision, stating that it was pretty unique that two major insurance companies, United and Humana, support the hospital’s desire to build in Aiken, but DHEC does not.

For the record, both Aiken Regional Medical Centers and University Hospital are good friends and neighbors to the Aiken County community they serve. We wish to see both of them flourish and do well

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financially while providing the best in world-class healthcare services to our region. We have no desire and no intent to pick a winner or loser between the two institutions. The real question is, why does the state of South Carolina wish to do so? Haley made her best effort to go it alone and get rid of the CON program, but now the General Assembly and its GOP majority needs to step to the plate and demonstrate they are true to the free enterprise principals they claim to espouse.

Thus far they have failed to do so because of the lobbying power brought to bear by regional healthcare monopolies who enjoy having the state limit any competition they might face. To be sure, when an industry lobbies in favor of regulation, you can bet it is their own economic interests it is seeking to protect and not the general welfare of the people.

It should be the individual healthcare company that decides what investment it wishes to make in a community and it should be the individual patient who decides which facility her or she prefers.

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## Poll: Haley among the nation's most-liked governors

Gov. Nikki Haley has the 15th-highest approval rating among governors nationwide, a new poll found.

The Lexington Republican, in the middle of her second term, received a thumbs up from 60 percent of the 1,174 registered S.C. voters surveyed, according to the poll, released by Morning Consult on Tuesday.



Haley

Haley's disapproval rating — 33 percent — ranked 23rd nationally among the 50 governors.

Republican Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker was the nation's most liked governor, receiving a 74 percent approval rating from voters in his state.

With a 26 percent approval rating, Republican Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback finished last.

Haley fared better than her Republican neighbors.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal has a 57 percent approval rating in his state, while North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory garnered 51 percent.

Among the 2016 Republican presidential candidates:

- Ohio Gov. Kasich fared best at 17th, getting a 59 percent approval rating in his state.
- New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was 45th with 40 percent favorability — tied with a former White House hopeful, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.
- Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, who dropped out of the presidential race this week, ranked next to last at 35 percent.

— ANDREW SHAIN