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Excerpt of Governor Nikki Haley's State of the State Address: "In the days following the tragedy at Mother Emanuel, and in the many months since, I have thought a great deal about Senator Pinckney.

"I did not know him well, but what I knew was that in every interaction we had, he was always kind and respectful.

"I knew him to be a goodhearted public official. I knew him to be a senator who spoke infrequently, but when he did, it was with great intensity and even greater authority. I knew him to be a man who never seemed to speak against anyone or anything, but instead to advocate for the people and the ideas that he believed in.

"The building we sit in invites disagreement. That is a good thing, a healthy thing – we should not pretend to all believe the same things, nor should we be silent about where and when we differ.

"But disagreement does not have to mean division. Honest policy differences do not need to morph into personal dislike, distrust, and disillusion. After all, to paraphrase something I read last June, we are more than just members of warring political tribes, but brothers and sisters and fellow South Carolinians.

"Senator Pinckney was more than just a senator; he was a father, a husband, a brother, a son. A reverend.

"We should all spend a little more time getting to know the people behind the policies."

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