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SC Republicans attempt unity message at state convention

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COLUMBIA — After a bruising primary process, South Carolina Republicans — with one very notable exception — are preaching a message of unity as they rally behind Donald Trump.

The state's party faithful gathered Saturday at their annual convention to

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remain united in their pursuit of conservative ideals. Haley also pledged to veto next week a bill overwhelmingly approved she said gives an unfair bailout to the state's farmers in the wake of last fall's historic flooding.

"I will not support any bailout of any industry over any other industry that suffered in this 1,000-year flood," Haley told about 500 people gathered at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. "We do not do bailouts in the state of South Car-

olina." select the rest of the state's delegation to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July. But the state's top Republican, Gov. Nikki Haley, didn't even mention Trump's name during her address to convention attendees, opting instead to go after the Republican-dominated

olina."

Haley's state-focused message was the outlier at a politically homogeneous and otherwise sedate convention that, until Cruz's departure from the race, had been anticipated as potentially contentious. But the convention hall was more than half empty, with only about 500 of the nearly 900 seats set aside for delegates occupied. Some counties sent no delegates at all.

At a self-proclaimed "unity breakfast" hosted before the convention, Lt. Gov. Henry

McMaster told more than a hundred attendees that the country has an opportunity to make sure Republicans unify behind Donald Trump as their presumptive nominee.

Haley — who initially backed Marco Rubio before reluctantly saying she'd support Ted Cruz over Trump — urged what she called the

Legislature for spending time and money on projects that benefit themselves and their home districts.

"The man is speaking to the heart of the American people," said McMaster, who was South Carolina's highest-ranking elected official to back Trump, told the group, standing in front of a banner reading, "Defeat Hillary! Vote Trump." "We're doing the right things in South Carolina, and we can be a model

state's true Republicans to

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for the country."

Senior Trump adviser Ed Brookover said the campaign appreciated the support from South Carolina and was focused toward the general election.

With regard to Haley's lack of mention of the candidate, Brookover said Trump would "continue to earn the support of the American people" and acknowledged voters who didn't initially support Trump go through their own "process."



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**ON THE LOOSE
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Many, many years ago I failed a flight physical, the next-to-final step toward pilot training.

The reason, I was told by a military doctor, was myopia. He was sympathetic, since I was one of the last in a company of 280 recruits to drop out of the so-called Nav-Cad program.

He said he couldn't approve me because he feared that at some point I might have trouble seeing distant objects. So that was that.

Over the years, I've often wondered about his decision because I had pretty good vision. A few times glasses were recommended;

I'd buy them, wear them a few months, then leave them alone in a drawer.

About four years ago things turned serious.

I was having trouble with nighttime driving and, almost as bad in my mind, I could no longer follow the flight of a golf ball — in fact, I could barely see a little white dot soar 150 yards. I was also having more and more trouble reading words on TV.

So I got some glasses and wore them religiously. They worked fine for a while, but now, about four years later, I'm having the same

vision problems. This time, cataract surgery was prescribed for

my right eye.

A cataract, I learned, means the lens has become cloudy and, in my case, limited my long-range and nighttime vision. It reacts differently with different people.

Several friends I play golf with have undergone cataract surgery and I've relied on them to tell me when my ball found a far-off bunker. They all assured me the surgery was painless and very successful. The near-blind could see again.

So on Thursday I went under the knife, aided by a mild sedative, though I was awake through the surgery.

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Dr. Richard DeChamplain of Coastal Eye Group in Georgetown replaced a cloudy cataract in my right eye with a clear lens, a procedure that took less than 15 minutes.

For the next few days I'll be putting eye drops in my eye and enjoying life without glasses. Already I can see a huge difference in my sight. Life is brighter and sharper.

A handout from the medical center said I should refrain from some strenuous activities for a while — swimming, tennis, jogging ... golf.

Golf? Really? I asked the doctor if I could make my Tuesday tee time and was mildly surprised (and de-

lighted) when he told me to go for it.

"Just stay out of the sand," he said.

I'm not sure if that was golf advice or medical advice, but just to be sure I'm claiming a medical dispensation from the sand. For one round anyway.

CORRECTION

In a column last week, I committed a cardinal journalistic sin in this electronic age. I trusted something I saw on the Internet without further checking and wrote that Gov. Haley opposed oil drilling off the coast of South Carolina.

Several readers corrected me. Haley, in fact, supported off-shore drilling as beneficial

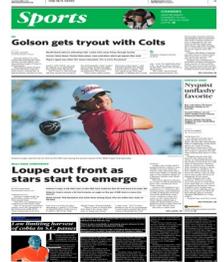
to the state's economy.

It's a moot issue now, after the Obama administration decided not to open the Southeast Atlantic to oil drilling. The feds cited, in part, strong local opposition from coastal communities, including, of course, Myrtle Beach.

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State waters south of Jeremy Inlet now have new limits for catches of the fish per day

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The verdict on cobia limits and season restrictions for the remainder of 2016 in state and federal waters is in.

The South Carolina General Assembly has passed legislation designed to limit the harvest and increase the stock of cobia, specifically in the southern half of the Palmetto State's coastal waters.

In state waters (to three nautical miles offshore) south of Jeremy Inlet at Edisto Island, anglers are limited to one cobia per person per day and three per boat per day.

Also in the same area, cobia are essentially being

governed by a spawning season closure, with harvest not allowed during the entire month of May.

As for South Carolina waters north of Jeremy Inlet at Edisto Island, including Horry and Georgetown County waters, the longtime limit of two cobia per day with a 33-inch minimum size limit and no boat limit remains in effect until June 20.

On that date, federal regulations will take over along the East Coast with all harvesting of cobia in the Atlantic Group, stretching from Georgia to New York, closed in state and federal waters for the remainder of the year.

The stricter limits and closure south of Jeremy Inlet are in response to studies done by South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' biologists to determine whether the species has been overfished in state waters, especially in the estuaries of Port Royal, St. Helena and Calibogue

Sounds.

Biologists found the cobia populations in this area are in risk of collapse thanks to long-term overharvesting.

Biologists say they have discovered a genetically distinct population of cobia that frequent the state's southern coastal waters.

Studies show the same population segment returns each year to the three

sounds, located from Edisto Island to Hilton Head Island, and reproduce only in those areas. They do not, according to S.C. DNR studies, breed with the larger offshore population of cobia.

S.C. DNR biologists are concerned that if this segment of the cobia population is further depleted, the species could disappear from

these waterways for an extended period of time.

More than 1,400 anglers responded to a S.C. DNR survey to share their opinions about how cobia should be managed in South Carolina waters. Sixty percent of respondents said they

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would "support" or "strongly support" the most aggressive approach offered to reduce harvest and rebuild the cobia population in the southern areas of the state.

Many individuals and angling organizations reached out to their legislators and wrote editorials to further voice their concerns about the future of South Carolina's cobia fishery. Coastal Conservation Association South Carolina also

played an important role in supporting the efforts that resulted in the new law, which went into effect on April 29 when the legislation was signed by Gov. Nikki Haley.

IFA REDFISH TOUR

The tour made a return stop to Georgetown with both a boat and kayak tournament staged last Saturday and Sunday.

Andre DeMoux of Jacksonville, N.C., and Daniel Hill of Hampstead, N.C., ventured south to win the boat tournament held Saturday out of the Carroll Ashemore Campbell Marine Complex on the Sampit River with a two-fish limit of 9.74 pounds. The two-man teams in IFA Redfish Tour events are allowed to weigh in two red drum measuring within South Carolina's slot limit of 15 to 23 inches.

JD Nobles of St. Johns, Fla., and Kyle Craven of Macclenny, Fla., took second place with a two-fish aggregate of 9.33 pounds.

The local duo of Ernest Wallace and Bryan Mims, both of Georgetown, took third place with an aggregate of 9.13 pounds. Another local duo, Rob Beglin of Pawleys Island and Eric Gobbett of Georgetown, finished fourth with an ag-

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DeMoux and Hill fished grass banks on the islands in Winyah Bay to catch their pair of reds, which weighed 5.27 and 4.47 pounds and earned them over \$26,000 in winnings.

DeMoux and Hill have fished two previous IFA Redfish Tour events, both in Georgetown. The duo studied online to pick out their fishing spots.

“Georgetown is a huge area,” DeMoux said. “We did a bunch of research off of Google Earth. Once you know redfish, you can shrink the area. We’ve only fished down here twice but we were able to build off of those trips. We had a game plan and stuck to it.

“We caught them all within 80 yards of each other. Once we got the first one, we immediately slowed down. We kept at it and that’s when we caught the 5.27-pounder.”

The tournament was part of the IFA Redfish Tour’s Atlantic Division, which features two events, both in Georgetown. The second tournament will be held on Sept. 24 also at the Campbell Marine Complex.

Dave Jaskiewicz of Wando measured 50.38 inches of red drum and spotted sea-trout to win the IFA Kayak Tournament. Kayak anglers take photos of their fish before releasing them to determine the winner.

Jaskiewicz caught a red-fish measuring over 28 inches to start the day and landed a trout measuring over 21 inches. Jaskiewicz won \$2,450 in prizes for his victory.

Joe Komyati, of Raleigh, N.C., won second place with a 14-inch trout and a 32.25-inch redfish, which was the largest of the tournament. Nathan Raycroft, of Townville took third place with a combined total of 44.75 inches.

MEATFISH SLAM

The crew of Flash Point, led by Joey Teague, weighed an aggregate of 93.1 pounds to win the 8th annual Georgetown Meatfish Slam out of Georgetown Landing Marina last Friday and Saturday.

Flash Point’s winning aggregate was led by the largest wahoo caught by the 38-boat field, a 69.7-poun-

der. The crew earned over \$10,000.

Terripan Flyer weighed in the second-largest wahoo, a 43.7-pounder.

Perseverance landed the top dolphin, a 38.0-pounder, followed by Pain Killer with a 23.0-pounder.

Suzanna Jules caught the biggest tuna, a 30.2-pound blackfin, followed by Pain Killer’s 23.5-pounder.

Laura Stokes was the top Lady Angler with the 23.5-pound tuna caught aboard Pain Killer and Pierce Parris was the top Youth Angler with a 27.6-pound wahoo caught aboard Christy II.

FAR OUT SHOOTOUT

Ocean Isle Fishing Center in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., is hosting the upcoming Far Out Shootout, a tuna, wahoo and dolphin rodeo, scheduled for May 7-15.

Boats competing in the tournament can fish one of eight days, May 7-14, with an awards breakfast set for May 15.

For more information, visit www.OIFC.com or call (910) 575-3474.

MARLIN QUAY CAROLINA SLAM

The inaugural tournament will be held next week out of Marlin Quay Marina out of Murrells Inlet, targeting offshore species of wahoo, tuna and dolphin.

Dave Christian of Marlin Quay expects a field of 30-40 boats in the tournament, which kicks off with a captains meeting on Thursday at 5 p.m.

Boats can fish one of two days, Friday or Saturday, May 13-14.

Entry fee is \$250 per boat, with tournament within a tournament levels also available.

Call Marlin Quay at 843-651-4444 for more information.

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SC GOP Convention

What: S.C. Republicans will elect 26 delegates Saturday to July's Republican

National Convention in Cleveland. The delegates will join 21 delegates already elected from the state's seven congressional districts and three other delegates: the state party chairman and two Republican National Committee members. At the national convention, all 50 S.C. delegates must vote on the first ballot for Trump. Trump won the state's GOP presidential primary taking 33 percent of the vote, beating five opponents.

Where and when: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Gov. Nikki Haley of Lexington

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster of Richland

Cotton addresses SC Republicans

U.S. Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Arkansas, said "it's a great day..to be a Republican" but made no

mention of his party's big news this week - that Donald Trump is now the presumptive nominee.

Cotton was the keynote speaker at the S.C. Republican Party's annual Silver Elephant dinner. He said the media talked a lot about the possibility of a competitive primary.

"But politics in our society is about so much more than a campaign and one election cycle," he said, adding that it's about governing.

Cotton's comments focused on criticizing Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama, warning of the threats the nation faces in foreign policy. An attorney, Cotton enlisted in the U.S. Army infantry in the mid-2000s and trained at Fort Jackson in Columbia.

Gov. Nikki Haley, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy spoke briefly before Cotton.

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Staff report

Winthrop University will award degrees to 694 undergraduates at two commencement exercises at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday at Winthrop Coliseum.

During the 10 a.m. commencement for the College of Arts & Sciences and College of Visual & Performing Arts, President Dan Mahony will receive the president's hood.

S.C. Sen. Wes Hayes, chairman of the York County legislative delegation, will read a letter of congratulations from Gov. Nikki Haley, while Rock Hill Mayor Doug Echols, who graduated from Winthrop in 1977, will speak on behalf of the city.

At the 3 p.m. commencement for the College of Business Administration and Richard W. Riley College of Education, Mahony will receive the president's medallion, give remarks and welcome investiture speaker Melody Tankersley, the senior associate provost and interim dean of graduate studies at Kent State University, who received degrees from Winthrop in 1984 and 1986.

Graduates are:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Christopher Thomas Adams, Marquise Jamal Adams, Courtney Nichole Adkins, Samuel Adams Alexander, Aaron Keith Allen, Stephen Harrison Ateca, Kara Ann Balarezo, Aaron Joseph Ball, Alexandra Helen Barnett, Mitchell Garrison Barnette, Kelsey Brooke Short, Mackenzie Rae Beaucage, Kamry S. Bell, H. Danielle "Dani" Berry, Michaela Margaret Bishop, Katelyn Renee Blackwell, Kayla Rae Blanc, Alyssa Renata Bonner, Dontrell Quaye Brailsford, Tamsyn Alain Doane Brasier, Robert Callaway Breakfield, Fabian Johannes Broich, Lucas Dillon Bryant, Benjamin John Buchanan,

Thomas Eugene Calamia III, Sara Marisa Campanelli, Clayton Elliott Campbell, Bryant Timothy Cannon, Sara Lynn Carlstrom, Amber Christine Clark, Taylor Brooke Coleman, Aarin Donte Cooper, Ayana Mikala Crawford, Austin Tyler Cross, Robin Renee Daniels-Joyner, Jocelyn Blair Davey, Steven Lee Davidson, Chassidy Miyana Davis, Cara Isabella DiRisio,

Hannah Kathryn Dockery, KiSha DeQendria ShaCole Donaldson, Dillon Demetrius Donolds, Michaela Ellen Dunbar,

Annalise Elaine Eberhard, Kyle Wesley Edwards, Raymond Eric Edwards-DaRosa, Danielle Elizabeth Ellis, Casey Thomas Espich, Rachael Elizabeth Estes, Alexis Marie Evans, Katelyn Marie Evans, Ian Robert Fagan, Joseph Hampton Ferguson, Tanner Clayton Finney, Emily Katharine Fitzgerald, Kimberly Brianna Foster, Kevin LaPatrick Fowler Jr., Leigh Olivia Franssen, Deborah Bertice Frasier, Andrew Guy Gates, Heather Katlyn Gay, Zharne Channelle Glover, Cynthia Renee Gordon, Amber Elizabeth Grant, Marissa Carey Grant, Zachary Brian Grieger, Emily Elena Grom, Mary Margaret Guilbault,

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Trump's early S.C. supporters say most Palmetto State Republicans already are coming around to The Donald.

Asked whether he has received conciliatory calls from fellow Republicans who did not think Trump could win, S.C. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, who endorsed the New Yorker before the February S.C. primary, joked he had. "Everybody wanted to know how I was such a genius."

Trump's success in overcoming attacks is evidence of his ability to beat the eventual Democratic nominee, supporters say.

"That's one of the interesting things about Mr. Trump's victory. ... It has been against all odds," McMaster said.

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No plans yet to attend the 2016 Republican national convention in Cleveland in July

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WASHINGTON

South Carolina's congressional delegation has kept a low profile on the election front since Donald Trump became the de facto Republican nominee for president on Wednesday.

Among the D.C. representatives of a deeply Republican state that handed the businessman a resounding primary win in February, there was no acknowledgment on social media that their party had for all intents decided on a presidential candidate, no statements of support.

When pushed, they gave tepid answers in unison.

The offices of Rep. Trey Gowdy, who had endorsed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, and Rep. Jeff Duncan, who had endorsed Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, said they would "support the Republican nominee." Neither actually

named Trump.

Gov. Nikki Haley said the same thing on Wednesday, and added she is "not interested" in being considered for the vice president slot.

Sen. Tim Scott's campaign spokeswoman, Margaret Spaulding, issued a statement to McClatchy on his behalf, saying, "As (Scott)

has consistently said over the past year, he will support the Republican nominee."

She added, "Now that Donald Trump is the presumptive Republican nominee, the Senator will do what he can to assist his campaign; however, his focus will remain on his own reelection and serving the people of South Carolina."

Just a few hours before Texas Sen. Ted Cruz suspended his campaign Tuesday, taking with it any hopes of stopping Trump's nomination, Sen. Lindsey Graham was tweeting that Trump was

"completely unhinged."

"If we nominate Trump, we will get destroyed ... and we will deserve it," he tweeted.

Cruz dropped his presidential bid after a devastating loss to Trump in Indiana's Republican primary, and a day later Ohio Gov. John Kasich followed.

Graham, a vocal critic, has kept uncharacteristically quiet since Trump's nomination became all but inevitable, only praising Cruz and Kasich for "offering an alternative to Donald Trump."

Their colleagues face similar dilemmas. Only one senator, Alabama's Jeff Sessions, and sixteen congressmen had endorsed Trump by Thursday afternoon.

Speaking to CNN, House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin declined to support the presumptive nominee.

"I'm not there right now," he told CNN's Jake Tapper. Meanwhile, Republican

Party leaders in South Carolina have shown more enthusiasm, calling for the party to unify behind Trump.

So far no members of the South Carolina delegation in D.C. have plans to attend the Republican national convention in Cleveland in July. Haley's office said the governor would make a decision in June.

"The governor is focused on finishing the legislative session strong - and once it's over, she'll make a decision on the convention," press secretary Chaney Adams told McClatchy.

With many of them up for re-election this year, the S.C. delegation in Congress is likely weighing just how much enthusiasm they have to muster in support of Trump in a state where he won.

For the time being, they are staying out of it as much as possible.