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Subject: FW: PHOTO-OP REQUEST: Sen. Hayes and Constituent

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From: Kate Maroney [mailto:KateMaroney@scsenate.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 9:22 AM

To: Veldran, Katherine

Subject: FW: PHOTO-OP REQUEST: Sen. Hayes and Constituent

Good morning Katherine,

Does it look like the Governor will be able to spare some time (10-15minutes) to meet with Sen. Hayes and this constituent next week for a photo?

Kate

From: Kate Maroney

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:10 AM

To: 'katherineveldran@gov.sc.gov'

Cc: Robert W. Hayes

Subject: PHOTO-OP REQUEST: Sen. Hayes and Constituent

Katherine, below is the information you requested this morning. Please let me know what day and time would work best for the Governor's schedule next week for her to be able to attend a photo-op with Sen. Hayes and his constituent, Jay White, from Rock Hill. This is truly a wonderful occasion.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you soon. – Kate

WHO: Jay White of Rock Hill, SC

WHAT: Photo-Op with Governor and Sen. Hayes for press and Mr. White's website that details his bike ride to NY. (The attached photo is of his Great-Grandfather with SC Senator James Byrnes that will also be in press and on website.)

WHEN: Week of 6/16 - 6-20; preferably in the afternoon when in session

WHERE: State House

BACKGROUND:

FROM JAY WHITE of Rock Hill (SC)

In July of 1939 my Great-Grandfather (and namesake) James Spratt White II, at the age of 61, rode his favorite bicycle "Old Betsy" from Rock Hill, SC to the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, NY. This Summer (July 2014) marks the 75th anniversary of that trip.

He was a cycle shop owner and the social chair for the Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce which, in 1939, decided it would sponsor James and a Goodwill Ambassador trip through 10 states and 800 miles riding his favorite 1936 Columbia bicycle named "Old Betsy" to the World's Fair in New York. Not surprisingly Old Betsy was the most famous bike in town, and on her birthdays James would invite all the kids in town to ride their bikes and have cake and ice cream. He set off from Rock Hill and, after traveling through small towns in NC working towards Raleigh, he went the route of Richmond- DC- Baltimore- Philadelphia- and NY. He wrote letters back and telegraphed his progress as well as talked to other chamber members, mayors and reporters "they" (meaning he and Old Betsy) met from the different towns and cities along the way. While in DC he met with SC Senator James Byrnes (FDR's former Sec of State) for photographs. Old Betsy now resides in the Cultural and Heritage Museums of York County.

This summer I am going to ride this same trip on a recreation (one-speed) of Old Betsy (cleverly named Old Betsy II). One reason being it still is a goodwill ambassador trip, meeting folks from all over, big and small, and letting them know the story of our town Rock Hill and how it is set with the new Velodrome and BMX track to be the bicycling center of the east coast. The second is for reasons of awareness raising and fund raising for an entity like Historic Rock Hill. The last reason is that it simply is cool. He rode a bike, he took smaller highways and byways, he shook a lot of hands, he saw small and large towns spreading the word about Rock Hill being a Good Town. The phone in your pocket will be obsolete in 18 months. It will be outdated and worthless; but the things James did on his trip, 75 years later are still relevant. They still matter. Bikes, green energy, small towns, shaking hands. In fact they matter greatly, made even more important perhaps because of those phones in our pockets!

I would love the chance to meet briefly with you for a photograph and to briefly share this story. Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jay White
(James Spratt White V)

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