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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
State of South Carolina
1200 Pendleton Street
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Dear the Honorable Nikki R. Haley:

My name is Dr. Robert L. Scott, and I am a retired educator and administrator from Benedict College. We are celebrating the "Diamond Birthday" of my wife, Dr. Cathine G. Scott, on Saturday, January 9, 2016. She is a prominent and passionate educator, who has been an inspiration and motivator to students here in South Carolina and across the world. We would like to honor her with a kind letter of congratulations from you to be read on the evening of the formal Diamond Birthday Celebration. Her biographical narrative is attached for your review.

Thank you in advance for the "Letter of Congratulations", and it would be a great surprise to her and the guests in attendance. Please email it to drlscott1@gmail.com.

Thanks again.

Robert L. Scott

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Dr. Cathine G. Scott, Prominent Educator AND World Traveler

Dr. Cathine G. Scott, born in Skippers, Virginia, learned at a very early age that education was the key to a life beyond small town Virginia. Under the tutelage of mentors who recognize Dr. Scott's drive and commitment to excellence, led her to being recognized as an expert in her field of teacher education as evident in the contributions she has made to her family, her students and higher education.

Dr. Scott's distinctive career has been marked by positions in education, training, and development. She served as the dean of education at Claflin University and Cheyney University of Pennsylvania; assistant and associate dean of education at North Carolina Central University and Benedict College; professor of education at Hampton University; a summer education research fellow at the National Aeronautical and Space Administration, Langley, Virginia, and a public school teacher in the school districts of the District of Columbia, Prince George's and Ann Arundel Counties, Maryland, and the US Department of Defense Schools in Germany. Dr. Scott has presented numerous papers and workshops at international, national, regional, and local conferences, and conventions, such as the American Educational Research Association, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Middle School Association, and the Association for Teacher Education, to improve mathematics at the elementary and middle school levels. As a public school teacher, she taught first grade through adult education. She was the first elementary school teacher in the District of Columbia School System to hold a Master's Degree in Elementary School Mathematics.

Dr. Scott is committed to intensive preparation and study. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.) in Leadership, Training, and Development from the American University, Washington, DC, a Master's Degree in Elementary School Mathematics from the University of Maryland, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Norfolk State University. She has completed further study in education at several colleges in the Washington, DC area. In addition, she has completed advance leadership studies through the Bryn Mawr University Leadership Institute for Women, the Hampton University Presidential Leadership Institute, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Executive Leadership Institute.

Dr. Scott has served public and private educational. Based on her proposal writing ability, skills, and dedication to education, she secured funds over five million dollars to train and develop novice and veteran teachers in elementary and middle level mathematics. She authored and was involved in numerous professional publications focusing on the improvement of teaching and learning for elementary and middle school students and teachers, such as "A Description of an Innovative Mathematics Program for Pre-service and In-Service Middle School Teachers", *National Association of Laboratory Schools Journal*, December 1992; "In-Service Training: Teaching Geometry at the Middle School Level", *Current Issues in Middle Level Education* (Spring, 1993); "A Description of an Innovative Interdisciplinary Summer Program for Middle School Minority Students", *Current Issues in Middle Level Education* (Fall, 1998); "The Hampton University Laboratory School: 100 Years of Excellence in Education", *National Association of Laboratory School Journal* (Winter, 1993); "A New Direction in Teacher Education: A Paradigm Shift", *Journal of the National Association of*

University Women (Spring, 2013); *A New Vision for Teacher Education* (2015) and *I Want to be a Teacher* (2015) both currently in print. In addition, she has served as a grant reader on education at the national, state, and local levels.

Dr. Scott holds membership in numerous civic organizations, such as the Board of Directors of the Young Women Christian Association, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, the American and National Associations of University Women, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Order of Eastern Star. As a woman of God she has served as a Deaconess, Director of Christian Education and Vacation Bible School, Sunday School Teacher, and Missionary, Usher Board, and Choir member.

Dr. Scott is a world traveler. She has traveled to every continent, except Australia and Antarctica. Her first international trip was to Japan after graduating from college. Since that time she has traveled to Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Great Britain, Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, Ghana, South Africa, Swaziland, Liberia, China, Barbados, Bahamas, St. Thomas, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Aruba, Bermuda, Jamaica, Trinidad, to name a few.

Dr. Scott's continued commitment to education and the interest of higher learning resulted in her decision to come out of retirement to serve as the current Chair of the Division of Education at Morris College, Sumter, SC. As she celebrates her Diamond years of Service to mankind, Dr. Scott readily enters a new phase in her life's journey. Dr. Scott's story is exemplary as she represents a model of excellence for young people today and tomorrow. She continues to instill in young people the need to remain life-long learners and to get in the habit of saving money.

Dr. Scott is happily married to Dr. Robert C. Scott and together they are the parents of six children and ten grandchildren.

So this evening, we are honored to celebrate and salute you, Dr. Cathine G. Scott.