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Office of Governor Nikki R. Haley  
1205 Pendleton Street  
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Dear Governor Nikki R. Haley:

I am working on a very exciting project for my father's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and I need your help in completing his gift. In 1954, my father, Jim Thomas, was a Cub Scout member of Pack 51 in Lima, Ohio. One of his scouting projects was to own a collection of something. My grandmother, Betty Thomas, and my dad came up with the idea to have the autographs of all "forty-eight" Governors of the United States of America. They were successful in their endeavor and even received the autographs of President Dwight Eisenhower, Vice President Richard Nixon, and the Governors of the American Territories: Guam, Puerto Rico, Panama Zone, Hawaii, and Alaska!

I am a fifth grade teacher at Fort Braden School in Tallahassee, Florida. I wanted to involve my students in this special project. I have set up a real mailbox in my classroom from which I will check for correspondence from the Governors of our great nation. The class will also track which Governors have sent in their autographs on a map of the USA. Please feel free to send other educational information about the great state of South Carolina to help my students learn more about our country.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my letter and helping make my dad's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday a memorable one! My dad will turn 70 on January 4, 2015, and I'd like all autographs by November 14, 2014. I look forward to having your signature in the scrapbook right next to the 1954 South Carolina Governor: James Byrnes. My late grandparents and my parents are very patriotic Americans and I can't think of a better way to celebrate their legacy and this milestone birthday.

God Bless America!

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