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Katherine,

We can review when we chat this afternoon but wanted you to have in advance of our call. We were asked to help with some talking points for Ralph Thomas. He will likely add in a few remarks of his own but wanted you to review what we drafted, as it pertains to the Governor and her introduction.

Thanks!

Good morning and behalf of the SC Power Team, we welcome you to the First Gentleman's Invitational at the exclusive Long Cove Club on Hilton Head Island. For those of you who are visiting from outside our borders, an extra warm welcome to The Palmetto State. We are delighted that each of you could join us for what promises to be an exceptional day.

The SC Power Team is honored to have teamed up with the SC Department of Commerce and is so proud to have Governor Haley and the state's first family here. We are grateful for the integral role the first family played in making today happen.

The very fact that we can come together during the Heritage week is a reflection of our state's renewed commitment to the business community. Everyone involved in economic development and all it encompasses acknowledges that Governor's Haley support and leadership are what is driving the change we are seeing in South Carolina. Her focus is clear and unwavering - that is to create jobs.

The SC Power Team, the SC Department of Commerce – we are excited to be part of this new momentum. In following our Governor's lead, we want to take care of existing companies and continue bringing new ones to the state. It events like today's golf outing that help us all sell our great state of South Carolina.

It's no secret that Governor Nikki Haley is South Carolina's most ardent advocate. After serving only six years as a State Representative, Governor Haley was elected the 116th and first female Governor of South Carolina on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. A Bamberg, South Carolina native and Clemson graduate, it is my privilege at this time to introduce the Governor of South Carolina. Please stand in welcoming Governor Nikki Haley.

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