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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor for the State of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Happy New Year!

I would like to request one (1) of your “personal” Governor’s Recognition Coins for my “personal” collection as a Memento from my home State of South Carolina.

- I am 72 years old! - Born in Loris, South Carolina on 5 September 1943
- Graduated from Loris High School in June, 1962 - Served in Civil Air Patrol
- Following graduation, Chosen to represent State of South Carolina for Civil Air Patrol – United States Air Force International Air Cadet Exchange Program for the 50th Anniversary of the Air Training Command at White Waltham (Great Britain).
- Upon return to United States, I immediately reported to United States Air Force Recruiter in Conway, South Carolina, completed processing for active duty service enlistment, and shipped out to Fort Jackson Induction Center in Columbia.
- Served 28 years in Air Force, including two (2) years combat duty in Vietnam.
- Retired Air Force in February, 1991. Term of Service: 5 Sep 1962 - 1 Feb 1991.
- Following active-duty service, I completed 19 years plus 2 years frozen service credits for foreign service time (21 Years) Federal Civilian Service with Air Force assigned to Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.
- Officially retired in May, 2010, following 49 years of Federal Service, and now currently reside in Niceville, Florida.

My grandfather, Mr. O.D. Freeman, was a campaign representative and long-term friend to United States Senator Strom Thurmond. In fact, our entire family was very close to the Senator. While serving as the Deputy Chief of Protocol for Eglin, I was very fortunate to have aided the Senator on occasion when he visited Eglin Air Force Base. Additionally, my grandfather served as South Carolina State

Commander for the American Legion from 1950 to 1951, and served on the National Executive Committee for the American Legion from 1953 till 1957. I have been blessed with a collection of very special "recognition" coins during my military active-duty and civilian service time; however, I do not have a coin from my home-town state. I have hesitated to write and ask you – The Governor for the State of South Carolina - for such a special item, but I thought if I provided you with some reflection of my past South Carolina representation, there might be a chance of my request being approved.

My current State of Residence is Florida; however, my home-town will always be Loris, South Carolina. My roots and long-term memories will always be "Loris of Horry County". Many of my school-mates are there – family members are buried there!

Your kind attention to my request is very much appreciated. I know you are very busy with more important concerns than my request, but I do appreciate your time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Miller", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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