In Memory of
Dr. Joann R. G. Boyd-Scotland
President Emeritus, Denmark Technical College

Remarks Delivered by Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne
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We are deeply saddened by Dr. Boyd-Scotland’s passing. Dr. Joann R.G. Boyd-Scotland was president of Denmark Technical College from 1993 to 2007 and later, she returned as president from 2011 to 2014.

Dr. Boyd-Scotland was an extremely dedicated and committed leader during her tenure at Denmark Technical College, assisting students - especially students from the rural areas of Orangeburg, Bamberg, Barnwell and Allendale counties - to attend college.

During her presidency, enrollment increased, Denmark Technical College’s budget remained balanced and the college was able to build a new library and educational technology center.

Earlier in her career and under her leadership, the School of Education at Lander University received the AACSU Christina McAuliffe Award for state and national curriculum leadership, and in 2000, she was the recipient of the SC Women in Higher Education Martha Kime Piper Award. Dr. Boyd-Scotland was the first woman to serve as the Board Chairperson for the National Association for Equal Opportunity (NAFEO) in higher Education and she served as a member of the Executive Committee for the State Tech Board’s President’s Council.

She was a very engaged community leader, and served on the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, the Greenwood County Bank Community Advisory Board, the Demark Community Development Board, and the Tri-County Workforce Readiness Executive Board.

Dr. Boyd-Scotland is survived by her husband, the Rev. Dr. Robert M. Scotland. They are the parents of five children.

Again, we are very sad to hear of Dr. Boyd-Scotland’s passing and she will be greatly missed by the higher education community in South Carolina.