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Last night at its first annual Higher Education Hall of Fame banquet, the Lightsey Society of the South Carolina Higher Education Foundation honored the late Dr. Harry M. Lightsey Jr., one of South Carolina's most effective leaders and dedicated public servants. Dr. Lightsey was recognized as the sole inductee and inaugural laureate into the Higher Education Hall of Fame for characteristics he embodied throughout his multifaceted life and career which included time as President of the College of Charleston and Dean of the USC School of Law. Ms. Katherine Lightsey, Dr. Lightsey's beloved wife, and several of his children and grandchildren accepted the award on his behalf.

In addition to Lightsey family members, the Banquet was attended by many close friends, colleagues, and distinguished guests. McNair Law Firm, P.A., a founding member of the Lightsey Society, hosted the event and managing shareholder, Mr. Bill Youngblood welcomed guests. WIS-TV news personality, Judi Gatson served as the evening's emcee.

Dr. Lightsey's life and contributions were celebrated by remarks from his son, Dr. Glenn Lightsey and through a special video presentation produced by S.C. ETV. Mr. Dalton Floyd, President of the S.C. Higher Education Foundation, commented that Dr. Lightsey's life's work epitomized the Higher Education Hall of Fame selection criteria which include qualities of achievement, ethics, leadership, passion, and reputation. He stated, "Dr. Lightsey's legacy truly embodies the Society's "motto", a quote by Sir Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." The Society will continue to maintain these exemplary standards as it annually bestows this award upon future inductees.

Named in Dr. Lightsey's honor, The Lightsey Society was created by the S.C. Higher Education Foundation to support the Foundation and to identify and recognize individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to higher education in South Carolina. Funds donated to the Society will be used to enhance the quality of higher education and to provide support in areas such as instruction, research, and service.

Founding Members of the Lightsey Society were also recognized during the evening and include as listed below:

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