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NEW COMMISSIONER

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education announced today Governor Sanford's appointment of its newest member, Mr. Kenneth W. Jackson of Florence, South Carolina. Representing the state's four-year institutions, Mr. Jackson is a member of the Board of Trustees for Francis Marion University where he graduated in 1984 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He is a real estate broker with RE/MAX Professionals.

Mr. Jackson has served as Chairman of the City of Florence Planning Commission and the Florence County-Municipal Planning Commission. He is currently the Treasurer of the Florence County Economic Development Partnership and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

Having served as President of the South Carolina Association of Realtors in 2003, Mr. Jackson is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Realtors and also the Vice Chairman of its Smart Growth Advisory Board. In addition, Mr. Jackson was previously a Co-Chairman of Governor Mark Sanford's Quality of Life Task Force. In recognition of his contributions to the state, Governor Sanford presented him with the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor.

Mr. Jackson and his wife, Debbie, are the parents of two children.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education serves as the state's coordinating board for higher education. Its mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. Information about current activities of the Commission and higher education in South Carolina can be found on the agency's web site, www.che.sc.gov.