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Re: Nikki Haley Makes Campaign Stop in Bamberg

Bamberg, South Carolina (February 2024) – Despite the chill in the air, Bamberg was in the spotlight this morning, garnering national attention as current presidential candidate, former United States Ambassador, and former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley made a campaign stop at Veterans Park. Haley has launched a two week “Beast of the Southeast” bus tour across the state as early voting for the SC Republican Presidential Primary is already underway.

County Administrator Joey Preston welcomed Nikki Haley as she descended the bus and gifted her with two Bamberg County Challenge Coins, one for her and one for her husband Michael who serves in the South Carolina Army National Guard and is deployed in Africa. Bamberg Mayor Nancy Foster introduced Haley and shared memories of Nikki and her family, stating, “You’ve come a long way.”

A Bamberg native and the first female elected as South Carolina Governor, Ms. Haley made her case to a crowd of about 200, stating she is the only GOP candidate who can win the general election. She and former President Donald Trump are the last two remaining candidates seeking the Republican nomination.

Haley’s Bamberg visit came just one month after a category EF-2 tornado caused about \$4 million in damage to area businesses and homes. The rubble served as a stark backdrop for the occasion. “It’s a great day in South Carolina when I can come home,” she said. She later noted, “This town has been through so much...this sweet, little town is the town that raised me and taught me strength, grace, faith, and that no matter what, neighbors take care of neighbors.” Acknowledging the devastation of the tornado, Haley said, “But I know if there’s any town that can get through it, it’s Bamberg.” Former Governor Haley spent about an hour in Bamberg before heading to her next stop and plans to make at least 30 stops in SC before Election Day.

“The resilient and humble nature of the Bamberg community was on full display for the world to see. We are thankful for the recognition and concern expressed by Nikki Haley and other prominent leaders across the state and country. While we have a long road to recovery ahead of us, we will not waiver and will only grow stronger,” said County Administrator Joey Preston.

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