University of South Carolina

Commencement Exercises

May 6 and 7, 2011
Colonial Life Arena
Alma Mater
"WE HAIL THEE, CAROLINA"
(Tune: Flow Gently, Sweet Afton)

We hail thee, Carolina, and sing thy high praise;
With loyal devotion, rememb’ring the days,
When proudly we sought thee, thy children to be;
Here’s a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Since pilgrims of learning, we entered thy walls
And found dearest comrades in thy classic halls;
We’ve honored and loved thee, as sons faithfully;
Here’s a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Generations of sons have rejoiced to proclaim
Thy watchword of service, thy beauty and fame
For ages to come shall their rallying cry be;
Here’s a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Fair shrine of high honor and truth, thou shalt still
Blaze forth as a beacon, thy mission fulfill;
And be crowned by all hearts in a new jubilee;
Here’s a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

G.A. Wauchope
Order of Exercises
Friday Afternoon Ceremony

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Dr. Harris Pastides
President

PRELUDE
The USC Wind Ensemble

PROCESSIONS
The University Mace
The University Faculties
The University Officials and Guests
The University Deans
The Board of Trustees and Distinguished Guests
The President

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Ms. Shannon Lynn Daly
Baccalaureate Student in Music, School of Music

INVOCATION
The Reverend Tim Stewart
Director, Baptist Collegiate Ministry

OPENING REMARKS
The President
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