

Riley joins Upstate Forever council

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GREENVILLE — Upstate Forever has added Richard W. Riley to its advisory council. Riley is the former U.S. Secretary of Education (1993–2001) and former Governor of South Carolina (1979–1987).

According to a statement from Greenville-based Upstate Forever, Riley currently is a senior partner in the law firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough and its affiliate, EducationCounsel, with offices in South Carolina and North Carolina, Georgia, Boston, Chicago, Tallahassee, Fla., and Washington, D.C.

Riley has been appointed distinguished professor at Furman University and serves as advisory board chairman of the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership.

Riley earned his bachelor's degree, cum laude, in political science from Furman in 1954 and received his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1959.

In 2008, Riley was named one of the top 10 cabinet members of the 20th century by Time magazine.

"Secretary Riley has provided extraordinary leadership for both our state and nation," said Brad Wyche, Upstate Forever Executive Director. "We are deeply honored to have him on our Advisory Council."

Upstate Forever is a nonprofit, membership-based organization promoting sensible growth and the protection of special places in the Upstate region of South Carolina. Founded in 1998, Upstate Forever now has more than 1,800 members, two offices and a staff of 18. For more information, see www.upstateforever.org.



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